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# ILD WINS FREEDOM OF SCALERS

## SAILORS FICHT FOR SIX-HOUR DAY ON SHIPS

JOB ACTION RESORTED TO ON COASTAL VESSELS

### Partial Victory Won

FEDERATION SUPPORT IS NOT REQUESTED BY SEAMEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Job action is being waged on the steamschooners, by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, in an effort to gain the six-hour working day, following the adoption of a resolution recently, which calls for all sailors to refuse to work cargo after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. To date the sailors have not placed the matter before the District Council of the Maritime Federation, but are attempting to carry on the fight within the limits of their own organization.

The action follows a long series of futile attempts to force the shipowners to accept some clarifications and amendments to the 1934 arbitration award. At the recent Federation Emergency Convention a resolution, which called for all crafts to support the seamen in their demands, was passed unanimously. So far the sailors have not requested this support.

About 23 ships are tied up and in most cases the companies are paying off the crews rather than concede the point demanded, although one or two of the minor companies have granted the six-hour day.

SAN PEDRO.—Demanding a six-hour day, while on port duty, seamen on four steamschooners took action to enforce their re-

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## Hearst Begins New Attack on United Front

### Attacks Liberals

AMERICA'S NO. 1 FASCIST GROWS HYSTERICAL AS UNITED FRONT GROWS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Hearst newspapers throughout the entire country yesterday carried a vitriolic attack on Communism, leading Communists and liberals of all shades of opinion. This is the opening salvo of a new attack on the entire united front movement against war, fascism, and vigilantism. It is an attack inspired by and insisted upon by the millionaire reactionaries of the American Liberty League and Chambers of Commerce.

Setting a wild hysterical note in the opening paragraph of a foul story that ranges over more than two full pages in the San Francisco Examiner, Hearst resorts to what is virtually lynch incitement, outdoing all previous efforts at slander of prominent individuals whose honesty has resulted in frank expression of anti-Hearst, anti-war opinion that immediately places them in Hearst's black book.

DELIBERATE INCITEMENT

This is no idle and indiscriminate frothing at the mouth by the monster of San Simeon. His inclusion of Dr. George Counts, Professor Robert Morss Lovett of the University of Chicago, Professor Charles A. Beard and other distinguished scolars is an effort to stem the tide of united front

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## British Miners Vote To Strike Jan. 27

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The threatened nation-wide coal miners strike in Great Britain at last promised to become a reality when the miners at a national conference last week voted to strike on Jan. 27.

They are demanding a 50 cent pay raise per day and alteration of a government plan for centralized selling of coal.

The strike which has been looming for many weeks would be the biggest since the 1926 general strike precipitated by the miners.

## PEDRO CANNERY WORKERS STRIKE

### Strong Demonstration Effects Release of Strike Leader

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Dec. 23.—Over 200 workers of the Coast Fishing Company walked out on strike on Dec. 18 as a result of the company's revocation of the agreement they had signed about a month ago with the Fish Cannery Workers' Union.

**At the time the agreement was signed the union was an AFL affiliate, but since that time Secretary Buzzell of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council has revoked their charter in spite of the membership of over 1200 voting three times to retain their militant leadership, against Buzzell's "orders."**

In an effort to break the strike, red squad detectives Hache and Cole arrested Jack Moore, business agent of the union, as he was sitting in his car.

Buzzell lifted the charter of the union on the ground that Moore, although elected by the membership, could not serve as an officer, "because he is a Communist." When the union refused to expel Moore, Buzzell cancelled the charter, claiming he was acting for William Green, national AFL president.

GREEN BLAMES BUZZELL

Responding to an inquiry from the Furworkers' Union of Los Angeles, Green wrote that all responsibility for the act rested with Buzzell. The company, apparently working with local AFL officials, has forced about 60 workers to sign cards asking for a "new" AFL union, and refuses to recognize the Fish Cannery Workers' Union.

A militant campaign carried on by the workers, which included

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## Lay-Off Attacking Soviets, Brisbane Asked 5 Years Ago

NEW YORK.—Five years ago, as today, the depression was being fought by capitalist papers through Pollyanna tactics. The New York World in a lead editorial, called the person who spreads fear of depression" the public enemy of today." The morning and evening editions of the paper carried 742 column inches of depression stories—bank crashes, suicides, crashing prices, rumors, failures, falling business.

At the same time Charles M. Schwab, steel magnate, advised starving workers "Go home, be optimistic, and prosperity will come."

Arthur Brisbane was telling Chicago business men, five years ago, to lay off attacking the Soviet Union. "The Russians must be judged by Russia and its past," he said. "If we could tolerate the czar sending miserable men and women to Siberia, we can tolerate these people building up a gigantic industrial nation, and I hope they succeed."

# WAR! Japan Against Communism England Girds for Conflict

## Mediterranean States Agree to Support Great Britain

## Japan Declares Pla To War Against Communism

SUMMARY OF SITUATION

Japan has openly proclaimed her intention of attacking the Soviet Union and sent 200 soldiers on a provocative excursion into the Mongolian People's Republic. Her offensive is proclaimed as a general crusade against Communism with the wiping out of the Chinese Soviets as one objective.

Great Britain is loading troops into Egypt and other Mediterranean points to an extent which equals Mussolini's mobilizations in Africa prior to the Ethiopian invasion. Britain has solicited all other Mediterranean powers for guarantees of support in event of belligerent action by Italy. France, Turkey, Greece, Jugoslavia and Spain have agreed to aid Britain if she is attacked.

The League of Nations decided

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## WORKERS HELP PUSH BAZAAR OVER THE TOP

With only a few days left before the Fourth Annual Western Worker Bazaar starts—preparations are in full blast to make it the biggest success San Francisco has ever had.

**Aiding this is the Socialist competition which has developed between the two sub-sections, Fillmore and Waterfront. Last Saturday, Dec. 21, the Waterfront poked their nose ahead with $159.00, against Fillmore's $153.00.**

From all indications the campaign promises to be a heated one. Downtown sub-section got into stride with $70.00 to their credit; Mission, $54.00 and North Beach, $25.00.

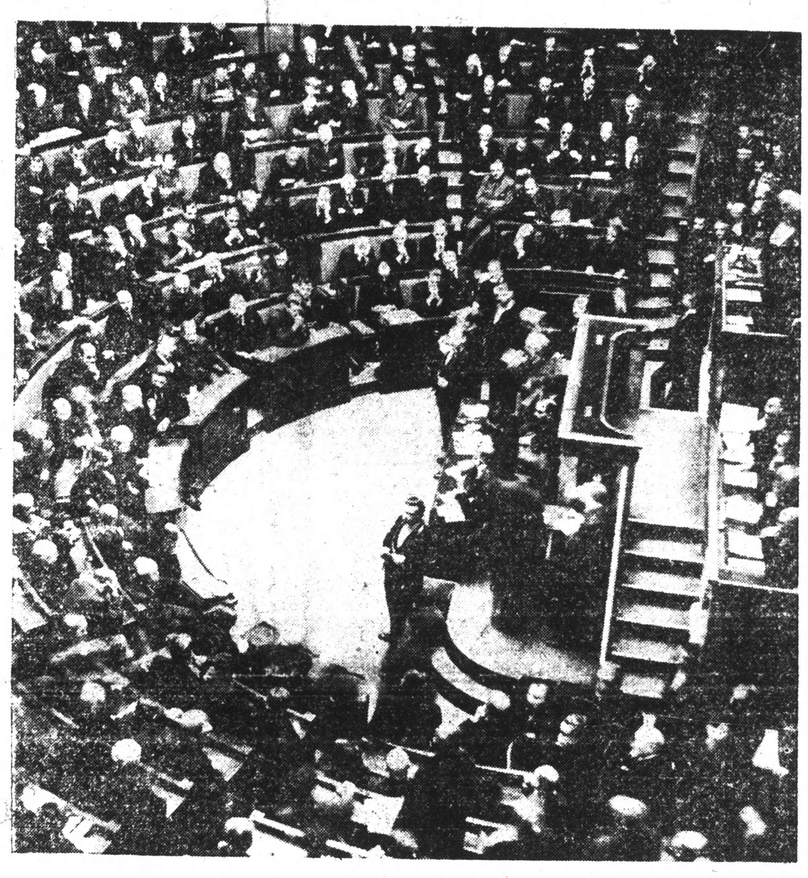
**The campaign committee urges all units and organizations, as well as individuals, to bring in all outstanding lists, to settle for tickest, articles collected, should be in not later than Dec. 27.**

Do not forget our restaurant is open every day during the bazaar.

Friday night is the big opening night and an appropriate program has been prepared to entertain those who will attend the bazaar.

On for a successful and lively campaign! Make the bazaar a success!

*WHAT A UNITED FRONT CAN DO!* ★ ★ ★



The turbulent session of the French Chamber of Deputies where the strength of the People's Front forced Premier Laval (seated at left in front row) to order the disarming of the Croix de Feu (Cross of Fire), big business backed fascist organization. Laval's failure to so act would have resulted in the downfall of his cabinet, observers declare.

At the present time, Laval is again threatened with defeat by the popular wave of protest against the infamous Franco-British peace proposal which would end the Italian invasion of Africa by granting Italy huge aeas in Ethiopia.

## Drastic Relief Cuts Start Upsurge; Enrollment Requirements Tighten

QUOTA ABOUT FULL

### Demonstration in San Diego, Led by Toback Wins Grocery Checks

It looked as though the four billion voted by the last congress will be pretty well used up long before July 1.

WPA officials admitted that the 3,476,782 at work during the week beginning Dec. 9 meant the program is "substantially at its peak."

Federal relief funds to the states have been cut off and after the first of the year, California direct relief must be carried by two million dollars a month voted by the Legislature. Amounts as high as ten million dollars monthly have shown themselves to be necessary in the past.

FAMILY BUDGETS CUT

Already cuts in families' direct relief budgets have been ordered for Jan. 1. Even when WPA has

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## Merriam Seeks to Side-Step Special Legislative Meet

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 19.—In a move to prevent a special session of the legislature, it is reported that Gov. Merriam will call 150 "key men" from all sections of the state, Jan. 15, to a conference on taxation and financial problems.

The state director of finance, A. E. Stockburger, is supposed to have announced this plan last Saturday, at Riverside, at the session of the Economic Council of Southern California, which is one of the most reactionary organizations of business men in the state.

Undoubtedly the so-called "key-men" to be called to this conference will all be big business men.

## Spero Slinks Out Of N. Y. With Scabs

NEW YORK.—Shorthanded, with a scab crew, steamship Spero slipped out of New York harbor last week as the regular striking crew appeared before the mass meeting of the Third District Conference Against War and Fascism in the American Women's Auditorium, 361 West Fifty-Seventh street, New York.

The Spero was struck because she carried a load of scrap iron for Italian munitions plants.

## SENATOR ASKS JAPANESE WAR

### Anti-War Congress Need Shown by Jingo Talk

**NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The necessity of a vigorous fight against war-breeders was amply demonstrated by statements of Senator Key Pittman, Democratic, of Nevada, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He proposed that the United States and Great Britain join in a "preventive war" against Japan, by means of a joint demonstration near Japan of the British and American fleets.**

Such a statement, issued by one of formulators of American foreign policy, is a challenge to the American League Against War and Fascism, which is holding its Third Annual Congress in Cleveland, January 3, 4, and 5.

200 DELEGATES

Powerful support for the Congress has already been pledged by trade unions and other organizations throughout the country. Twenty-five district conventions throughout the country have been preparing for the Congress. Chicago's Cook County Labor Commission, through its member unions, is electing more than 200 delegates.

**William J. Corrigan, Cleveland Federation of Labor attorney and prominent in Catholic circles, will discuss the legal aspects of labor's fight against fascism at the Labor Commission meeting, part of the Congress.**

John Howard Lawson, dramatist now in Hollywood and author of the Theater Guild production "They Shall Not Die", based on the Scottsboro case, has given the Congress his unqualified endorsement.

WORK AMONG CHILDREN

At a meeting in New York, the American League mapped out plans to further anti-war educa-

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## 4 Delegates Leave Berkeley to Form Am. Student Union

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 21.—Two delegates from the National Student League and two delegates from the Student League for Industrial Democracy were to leave the Berkeley campus today for conventions of their respective organizations at Columbus, Ohio.

Plans have already been formulated for the union of the two organizations in an American Student Union, based primarily on the fight against war and fascism. Other liberal student organizations are expected to participate in forming a real united front of college students in the United States.

The two national conventions will first meet separately, and later meet together to form the program for the new organization. Preliminary work on the American Student Union has aroused wide interest on the University of California campus.

## GALLAGHER AND ANDERSEN TEAR FRAME-UP APART

ARCHIE BROWN MAKES BRILLIANT PLEA TO JURY

### Jury Out 7 Minutes

PROSECUTION RESTS CASE AFTER WEAK ATTACK IS WAGED

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—"NOT GUILTY" was the verdict rendered in a smashing vindication of the waterfront unions, in Judge Jacks' court, when after only seven minutes deliberation, the jury decided for acquittal in the "murder" trial of the four members of the Scalers' Union.**

Backed by the magnificent solidarity of the San Francisco waterfront workers, Leo Gallagher and George Andersen, representing the International Labor Defense, waged a brilliant battle as they tore to shreds the perjured testimony offered by the State's witnesses.

So thoroughly did Andersen and Gallagher expose the vicious frame-up, that the prosecuting attorney who was allowed two and one-half hours in which to make his delivery to the jury, used only thirteen minutes of his allotted time.

DEFENDED HIMSELF

Archie Brown, one of the four defendants (who waged his own defense) made a brilliant plea to the jury. He ably portrayed the bitter struggle that the union waged to better themselves. The prosecuting attorney repeatedly attempted to stifle Brown's plea on the grounds that it was "immaterial to the case."

**The "not guilty" verdict ren-**

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## Marine Workers Effect Complete Protest Tie-Up

20,000 CEASE WORK IN HUGE DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Not a sling of cargo moved, or a winch turned when approximately 20,000 longshoremen and seamen suspended all work Friday, Dec. 20, in an inspiring demonstration of protest against the frame-up of the four members of the Scalers' Union, ILA Local 38-100, who are facing trial on a "murder" charge.**

Although, as usual the Red squad was out on the waterfront in full force and motorcycle cops roared up and down the Embarcadero in effort to create an atmosphere of "rioting" for the benefit of Bay commuters, dockworkers and seamen stood nonchalantly across the street signing letters of protest to Judge Jacks, trial judge.

Silent until then, the local capitalist presses were forced to give some "news" as to why waterfront traffic was at a complete standstill. The "news" was accompanied by a full column statement from T. G. Plant of the Waterfront Employers' Association, decrying the "serious delay of commerce."

**The work stoppage was a complete success. Even the teamsters kept off the piers. One lone driver, who was possessed of the idea of delivering his goods to the dock during the stop period, discarded the idea after several longshoremen explained what it was all about. The driver signed his name to a resolution of protest and then joined his fellow workers across the street from the pier.**

# COMMUNISM & THE TOWNSEND PLAN

## We Must Be Friendly Toward the Masses In the Movement

**The following is a necessarily short summary of the Communist Party attitude toward the rapidly growing Townsend old-age pensions movement. Material contained herein was drawn mainly from a report to the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party made by Alex Bittleman. The full report was contained in the Daily Worker of Saturday, Dec. 14. One or more articles on the Townsend movement as it exists in California and the West will appear in future issues of the Western Worker.**

The Townsend Plan is very simple. One issue is involved. It is a demand for a law that all United States citizens above the age of sixty shall receive a pension of $200 per month, to be spent on commodities during this same month. Funds for the pension shall be secured through a 2 per cent tax on all transactions.

The plan has one thing in common with a sales tax in that the tax must be incorporated in the price of every commodity. But it differs from the sales tax in that it calls for taxation not only of articles of consumption, but everything sold in the United States.

**Townsend, the founder of the plan, says that if it becomes a law approximately 8,000,000 people will be withdrawn from production, to go on pension, and that this will allow employment of that many younger workers. Also, he says, the increase purchasing power of the pensioners will create a tremendous home market capable of solving the crisis and the problem of unemployment.**

The Townsend movement has a bill before Congress, the McGroarty Bill and a campaign to pass this measure will be organized as Congress meets in January.

ENTER 1936 ELECTIONS

Until recently, the politics of the Townsendites have been "non-partisan." Last week, however, leaders of the movement announced a Townsend presidential candidate and a full congressional slate will be run in the 1936 elections. The Democratic Party is already committed to its own program of old-age pensions. This program the Townsend advocates correctly term as a fraud. But the

## Must Point Out That Monopolists Are Common Enemy

Republican Party, they say, has not yet formulated a definite old-age pension program and this fact has led many to believe that the Republican Party may be forced to adopt a sympathetic attitude toward the Townsend plan.

**The agitation of this movement severely attacks reaction and reactionaries and strongly advocates democracy and the American democratic system. While not anti-capitalistic, the agitation nevertheless is strongly anti-monopoly. It directs its main attacks against concentrated wealth and against the big banking inerests.**

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# WORLD CONFLICT MAY RESULT FROM JAPAN AND ITALY ACTS

## Britain Is Industriously Preparing for War In the Mediterranean—Japan Moves Against Soviet Union

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to continue in force present sanctions against Italy and has appointed a committee to study the situation as regards possible peace proposals and the projected oil embargo. The League is not expected to meet again before January 13.

### INVASION BLOCKED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Reports from the African battle front indicate that Italian invading forces on both North and South fronts are not only on the defensive but that a serious crisis is imminent owing to the failing morale of troops.

Technique of the Italian advance has been to use native African Asakari regiments as the spear head of the invasion, with Italian troops drawing up in the rear.

Recent major attacks by the Ethiopians not only penetrated the front lines of native troops but took heavy toll among the Italians. Considerable war equipment including many tanks are reported captured by the Ethiopians. The attack was preceded by weeks of grilling raids and snipings, which are being renewed with increased vigor now that the major battles have subsided. Ethiopian strategy is to alternate weeks of harassing raids with surprise attacks by major forces.

### JAPANESE INVASION

Japanese, in their efforts to clamp control over the North China provinces are meeting with mounting resistance from the Chinese people. Student demonstrations against the invasion have reached such a scale that the Japanese have ordered the closing of all North China schools.

Chiang Kai-shek has openly proclaimed accord with the Japanese invaders. The situation throughout all China is one of increasing unrest. The major part of Chiang Kai-shek's support has melted away from him, the bulk of it going to the Communists.

**The Japanese have openly declared a crusade against Communism in Asia, meanwhile threatening both British and American capitalist interests in China.**

### BRITISH CRISIS

Great Britain, on the heels of the collapse of the infamous Franco-British peace proposal, called upon all Mediterranean powers for guarantees of support in event of some desperate act of aggression by Italy. So far, France, Turkey, Greece, Jugoslavia and Spain have agreed to support her.

Contradictions among imperialist powers have placed Italy in a position of isolation. Serious discontent exists within her own borders. Failure in the African invasion would mean economic collapse. Success in the murderous adventure would necessarily make inroads on the interests of Britain and France.

**Britain does not want war in the Mediterranean. She wants her hands free to protect her interests in China.**

**On the other hand, she will not stand by and see Italy have whole hog in Africa.**

In such a situation, it is feared that Italy may strike out desperately if any effective interference with her conquest is enforced.

The attitude of capitalist diplomats of both France and England is that they would like to restrain and control Italian imperialism without definitely choking it off. In this, however, they run up against the mass sentiment of their populations which is for complete and effective sanctions.

Britain's present effort is to control Italian advances by threats.

It is to be considered, however, that Italy is moving in extreme desperation. Failure of fascism to achieve any decent standard of living for the people necessitates strong action to distract the masses from their own immediate problems. More panic than logic is seen by every observer in the Italian conquest of Ethiopia. At present, she is a drunken belligerent among nations and the explosion of one gun in the Mediterranean may set the whole of Europe ablaze with conflict.

### THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

**The League has eagerly washed its hands of the Franco-British proposal, has agreed to keep present sanctions in force, but has pigeonholed the projected oil embargo until the middle of January.**

## Latin American Republics Hold League Useless

**SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 18.—El Imparcial, local newspaper reports that withdrawal of Latin America republics from the League of Nations is very probable in view of the League's complete impotency in the face of every situation it has encountered.**

**El Imparcial cites the fact that the League permitted the Chaco war to rage for three years, failed to act against Japan in China, and is now side-stepping the issue of Italy's invasion of Ethiopia.**

**Position of the smaller nations, it is stated, is weak. The major powers use their giant war machines to back up their diplomacies and the voice of a nation is no louder than its guns.**

**The paper declares that the League involves heavy expenses to the Latin American republics and no benefit whatsoever.**

## Where Brave Men Died ★ ★



Cadets of the Brazilian Army made their last heroic stand in this barracks building, which is shown after it was bombarded with artillery by reactionary troops. Rather than turn their guns upon their own people, the rebellious troops cast their lot with the premature revolt of the Brazilian workers. They went down before the superior arms of the government troops after a valiant struggle which has written one of the bravest yet most terrible pages in the history of the class struggle in South America.

## Soviet-American Trade Increases Over 1935 Level

**MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—Sharp rise in Soviet industrial activity, as contrasted with commercial stagnation of all capitalist nations is indicated by the following official reports:**

**Industrial production in the Soviet Union was 23 per cent higher than production for the same period of last year.**

**American trade for the first 10 months of 1935 increased by 19,500,000 gold rubles over the corresponding period last year.**

**Imports from the United States amounted to 46,500,000 rubles. This was 5,000,000 rubles more than exports to the U. S.**

# RESHUFFLING OF RELIEF SET-UP BRINGS ORGANIZED EFFORT FOR UNION RATES EVERYWHERE

## L. A. Unemployed Starve As 10 Per Cent Cuts Jammed Through

completed its absorption process, there are grave doubts that further budget cuts can be avoided.

Privately, relief officials admit there will be further cuts.

Meanwhile, strapped for funds, relief enrollment requirements were being tightened. Persons are not admitted to the dole unless their funds are utterly exhausted. Direct relief to transients is being denied.

With the prospect of hundreds of persons returning to relief rolls after temporary Christmas season employment ceases, local and state relief officials are wondering how far two million dollars a month will go.

Add the facts that exhausted resources are continually forcing reluctant families finally onto relief.

There is nothing left to do but cut budgets.

### NEGROES PROTEST

A delegation representing the fraternal council of Negro churches headed by Bishop R. C. Ransom, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church called at the White House to ask the President to give Negroes representation in the program and to investigate C.C.C. policies affecting share croppers and other farm operatives.

At the same time complaints against administration of the three million dollar PWA program in New York for employment of needy actors and playwriters were presented to Jacob Baker, assistant PWA administrator.

The delegation protested that the actors have been working since November 1, without pay.

### SICKNESS IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—While malnutrition and resultant sickness continues from the starvation diet allotted to the unemployed, Frank Y. McLaughlin, state SERA and WPA director, announced today reductions averaging 10 per cent in food budgets.

Basis for the cut was given as a survey by U. S. dieticians who claimed that food budgets were from 4 to 17 per cent "higher than is necessary for a balanced diet."

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Starvation for 40,000 workers not absorbed by WPA was decreed here today by County SERA Director Roy W. Pilling.

"I feel it is only fair to notify the public and relief clients of the impending move," Dictator Pilling stated baldly.

The relief budgets will be slashed from 4 to 17 per cent by January 1, he said, and free distribution of surplus food commodities will average 9 per cent if made, Pilling said.

Food "budgets" of single women will be cut from $9.23 a month to $7.80 and for a single man to $8.80. A family of two adults will be cut from $18.45 to $16.60.

### WPA BLAMED FOR DEATH

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Enraged because Mrs. McNames, secretary of the Long Beach Local of the PWUU led a delegation protesting unhealthful conditions on the project and laying responsibility for the death of Effie Dunwoody at the door of project supervisors, PWA officials fired the unemployed leader from her job this week.

The grievance committee from the PWUU County Council exposed the frame-up dismissal and won immediate reinstatement for Mrs. McNamee.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 17.—It was so cold here last week that men on the three million dollar WPA airport project here had to stop work after two hours one day. When they were told they would not be paid for a full day they marched 500 strong to the administration building to demand justice. Police tried to break them up with clubs and precipitated a battle in which windows were broken and a number of busses wrecked.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 17.—The Relief Workers' Association here, affiliated with the Hod Carriers and Common Laborers' Union (A. F. of L.) has begun an intensive drive to win trade union wages on all WPA projects in and around this community.

The association has approximately 3000 members in this city and almost that many in Daisy, Soddy and Hixon, nearby communities, according to Frank M. Lynch, vice president.

ST. PAUL.—Through the efforts of the Unemployed Councils, a united organization of unemployed, part time and relief workers, including teachers and technical workers, is being formed.

A conference was called of various organizations, attended by several hundred workers, at which the decision was taken to build one organization in the unemployment field.

The new organization is to be called the Citizen's Protective Union and will be organized on a relief district basis, each organization constituting a local. A central leadership will be elected by delegates from the organizations and the union will have fraternal representation at the Trades and Labor Assembly.

### POLICE ATTACK JOBLESS

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 20.—Local WPA officials are now beginning to call upon the police to solve their pay check fiasco. Yesterday 10 of San Diego's finest were called in to drive away some 100 WPA workers who had merely come to the Broadway pier for their long overdue pay checks.

Attempting to placate the rising disappointment and anger of the workers against the continued run-around, they have been issuing grocery orders to the munificent sum of $2.50.

More than 200 relief workers led by James Toback, secretary of the Unemployed Workers' Protective Union staged a mass demonstration demanding the long delayed pay checks.

Following is a telegram sent by the Relief Board to President Roosevelt, Harry Hopkins, and Frank Y. McLaughlin.

"SAN DIEGO RELIEF SITUATION SERIOUS ACCOUNT DELAY IN WPA PAYROLLS STOP WORKERS WITH CHECKS SEVERAL WEEKS OVERDUE CANNOT SUBSIST WITHOUT RELIEF STOP COUNTY CANNOT ASSIST STOP MEN GATHERED IN MOB FORMATION TROUBLE EXPECTED IMMEDIATELY STOP IN THIS EMERGENCY $2.50 CHECK AUTHORIZATION INSUFFICIENT STOP WILL YOU CHANGE SRA INSTRUCTIONS QUESTION."

## PEDRO CANNERY WORKERS' STRIKE HOLDS SOLIDLY

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a demonstration in front of the Wilmington jail, resulted in the release of Moore, and the trumped up "suspicion of burglary" charges were dropped.

### SOLIDARITY AFFIRMED

The company offered a concession to the union in the form of increased pay up to fifty cents an hour for the men only. It was rejected by unanimous vote of the membership, which includes many girl workers.

An attempt to intimidate the workers on the part of the red squad, Hache and Cole failed, when the pickets resisted the attempts to persecute a girl picket.

The police wagon was called and the entire picket line arrested. A delegation from the union immediately stormed the jail and demanded and won the immediate freedom of all the workers.

The majority of the workers are young Mexican and Filipinos and about evenly divided between men and women. Sentiment is strong among them for their militant leadership and the present union.

## HEARST BEGINS NEW ATTACK ON UNITED FRONT

### CITES 'SECRET' FACTS FROM PAMPHLET SOLD OPENLY EVERYWHERE

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activity now sweeping the country; it is an effort to block the successful Congress Against War and Fascism to be held in Cleveland on January 3-4-5, and the expected amalgamation of student organizations into one powerful body at their forthcoming meeting.

**Unity terrifies Hearst, unless it be the side of the employers and the war makers. He has therefore "discovered" the pamphlet "Why Communism"—which sold out edition after edition on the Pacific coast alone—and makes an issue out of its statements that capitalism breeds violence, although attempting to attribute this violence to Communists who are supposedly obedient to a "Moscow plot." Further evidence of this "plot" is seen in copies of pamphlets dealing with the proceedings of the Communist International—which are sold openly in every city in the United States and go through the U. S. mails.**

### HEARSTIAN VIOLENCE

There is no more effective answer to Hearst on the question of violence than the history of the San Francisco General Strike, the murder of two strikers and wounding of dozens; the raids, beatings and destruction of property; all the result of vigilante-violence following incitement by the Hearst press, and organized by Hearst henchmen.

This latest attack is a warning to the people of the United States to be on their guard. Fascism, American style, is in the making, and rapidly draws near. Hearst is its filthiest, most unscrupulous propagandist. The fight against Hearst is a fight for liberty, a fight that all progressive people must join if real American democratic principles are to survive.

**Not a single square mile of Ethiopia to the fascist Mussolini!**

## San Diegans Rap Participation in Hitler Olympics

### GAMES CANNOT BE FAIR UNDER NAZIS, SAYS SCHOOL OFFICIAL

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 20.—Adding to the growing, world-wide protest against holding of the Olympic Games in Nazi Germany, are the voices of prominent San Diego people.

**Jacob Weinberger, member of the School Board and well known attorney, stated recently: "The Olympic games can't possibly be fair under the present German administration. Hitler has apparently lost any sense of fair play he might have possessed, and while it might be hard on the athletes themselves, they should come second now that Hitler has adopted his policy of choosing who shall compete."**

Nate Baranov, prominent jeweler, said when interviewed: "Merely because Germany resents our opinion of Hitlerism and the Nazi regime, they have changed Olympic rulings volutarily for the first time in the history of the games. This seems to me to be unsportsmanlike and not at all the spirit that has characterized other Olympic games in the past. This seems to me one time we shoul keep our boys at home, no matter how hard it might be on them."

**A member of the San Diego Police Department, Sgt. Robert Jump, came out against American participation in the Nazi Olympics, when the declared: "Hitler is getting away with too much in Germany today. Why we should become a party to his actions by sending our Olympic team to Germany next year is more than I am able to fathom."**

## Schneiderman to Speak at Y.C.L. Meeting in L.A.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Featuring a report on the Young Communist International, an open membership meeting of the Young Communist League will be held here at the Mason Opera House, 7:30 p. m., on Friday, Dec. 27th.

A request for 25 invitations was received from the Young People's Socialist League, leading comrades of which will attend the meeting.

The report on the Y.C.L. will be made by a national representative of the Y.C.L. William Schneiderman, organizer of District 13 of the Communist Party, will speak on the Seventh World Congress of the Comintern. It is anticipated that speakers from several youth organizations will also speak.

This meeting will be the largest ever held in Los Angeles by the working class youth.

**READ THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND COMRADE BROWDER'S REPORT, PRINTED IN FULL IN THE DEC. COMMUNIST.**

# N.R.A Labor Acts Attacked in Decisions Handed Down by Courts

## Wagner Bill Held Void By Federal Magistrate

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—In the first court test of the National Labor Relations Act, the Wagner Labor Bill enacted at the last session of Congress, was declared unconstitutional by Judge Merril Otis in the Federal District Court here. He declared that the act "violates" the commerce clause of the constitution, because it attempts to extend power of Congress to regulate industries whose operations do not affect interstate commerce."

The case involved the Majestic Flour Mill of Missouri. The workers organized themselves and presented their demands to the employers. To frustrate this, the mill was shut down on the grounds that they "could not meet the demands." This constituted an offense against the act. The decision was handed down after a bitter attack by the judge in a written report.

## Injunction Granted Against Guffey Coal Tax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A temporary injunction was granted at Pittsburgh, restraining the federal government from the full fifteen per cent tax imposed on coal operators who have not accepted the Guffey Law's coal code. The injunction was granted to the Andrew Mellon owned Pittsburgh Coal Company and the Union Collieries, two concerns which have refused to sign the "little N.R.A. of the soft coal industry.

In issuing the injunction, Judge Schoenfield held that the fifteen per cent tax assessed by the Guffey law is not a tax, but a penalty designed to enforce compliance.

Simultaneously with this decision, three similar suits were filed in the U. S. District Court in Philadelphia. The United States Supreme Court also received an appeal attacking the Guffey Coal Control Act, which was filed by officials of the Tway Coal Company of Kentucky. The case was brought to the high tribunal on an appeal of the decision of the Federal Court in Louisville.

## "Production for Use" Leader Ill

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—John Pratt, president of the California Federation of Production for Use is seriously ill with pneumonia, at his home here, it was learned.

Although past the crisis, he is still in a serious condition. Pratt is well known here for his sincere efforts to work for a solution of the many economic ailments which beset the masses.

## Safeway Stores Spy Upon Own Company Union

### THREATENS TO BECOME A BONA-FIDE FIGHTING ORGANIZATION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Making another move to check organizational steps by its employees, Safeway Stores, Inc., today promised "full cooperation" in administering the completely inadequate state unemployment insurance set-up.

In order to keep its employees "satisfied" with wages of $12 to $18 a week, with 10 to 14 hours a day work and sometimes work on Sundays, this company has established the "Safeway Employees' Association" and operates a spy system to see that the workers do not turn this company union into a real union for collective action.

"Establishment of adequate social and economic safeguards for the welfare of employees and their dependents has always been of great concern to our company," L. A. Warren, president, informed the Unemployed Reserves Commission today.

Safeway has a habit of transferring employees from store to store, so that they cannot get together effectively to discuss their grievances.

## M'ADOO INVITED TO ATTEND EPIC ELECTION RALLY

### SLATE TO BE NOMINATED AT PRODUCTION FOR USE CONVENTION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Continued support of President Roosevelt by the End Poverty League was indicated here yesterday when the board of directors announced that a convention would be held January 18 and 19 for the purpose of nominating a slate of "production for use" candidates for the May presidential primaries.

Overtures to Senator McAdoo, right wing" Democrat leader, were made in an invitation to attend the convention, while the board of directors at the same time challenged McAdoo's statement that the Democratic delegation to the national convention would be a California mandate for the president,—without any "production for use" appendage.

The board of directors called McAdoo's attention to the fact that he approved the platform of the Democratic Party of California when it was adopted in 1934, and therefore approved the "production for use" plank.

**BOYCOTT THE BERLIN 1936 OLYMPIC GAMES**

## SENATOR ASKS JAPANESE WAR

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tional work among children. In a discussion led by Rev. Hartley J. Hartman of Brooklyn, it was decided to start a school to train leaders in children's peace work and to hold a dramatic tournament among children on peace subjects from January to April.

## Seamen Fight For 6-Hour Day

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quest. A partial victory was scored when the owners of the Florence Olsen, Texada and the Siskyou resumed loading, with the crews working from 8 o'clock a. m. to 3 o'clock p. m., longshoremen being paid after that time to work the cargo.

The McCormack ships here have paid the crews off rather than concede to the union's demands.

A meeting of the shipowners with the Seamen's Labor Relations Board failed to come to any agreement in the dispute over the six-hour day. Shipowners have indicated they will not "do" anything until after the Christmas holiday.

# COMMUNISM & THE TOWNSEND PLAN

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The Townsend movement is typical American. It proceeds from the basic proposition that America is a land of plenty, that the United States is already able to secure to everybody everything that is needed for a full life. No similar movement in any other capitalist country could select such a basis to proceed from. And it is true that this country today does have everything needed to make everybody happy—except a Socialist economy which actually could realize this ideal.

### BROAD CHARACTER

The movement is friendly to Negroes and to the youth and even makes definite advances to the latter. In its agitation it does not engage in red-baiting nor campaigns against the Communists, although the plan is offered as a method of avoiding Communism in the United States.

But the movement has tremendous possibilities, both for good—against capitalism—and for evil—for the fascist demagogues. There is within the movement a powerful hatred against monopolists and concentrated wealth which it is possible demagogues will attempt to use as a mass basis for their own fascist programs. The question which confronts the Communists is:

**With whom is this movement going to go, with the people's movement against capitalism and reaction, or with reaction and fascism against the people?**

### WIDE INFLUENCE

The strength of the Townsend movement it is difficult to estimate. But the devastation of the crisis and six years of depression has given it tremendous sweep and mass popularity. Townsendites claim (probably exaggerating somewhat) that they are between eight and twelve million strong, about seven million of whom are organized in Townsend Clubs throughout the country. Thirty-five thousand people were present at a Townsend mass meeting in Oakland on Oct. 6. At their national convention in Chicago there were nearly 7000 delegates.

Because this movement represents a huge slice of the American masses, the Communist Party must at once popularize its attitude toward the Townsend old-age pensions plan. It is proposed that we are of the opinion the principles embodied in H. R. 2827 best meet the needs of social and unemployment insurance at the present time. In order to establish contact with the Townsend movement for joint struggle we should adopt the following policy:

**1. Support the McGroarty Bill but with a number of amendments such as pensions to all toilers over 60, not only to citizens; funds to be raised by taxation of high incomes and fortunes and not transaction taxes; the Townsend Bill shall contain a declaration that the passage of old-age pensions bill takes care of only one phase of social insurance, that Congress recognizes this, and that legislation similar to H. R. 2827 also be passed; the passage of the Federal Old-Age Pension Bill does not prelude the need of passage of similar bills by the individual states.**

The last point is important. The present position of the Townsend movement is to abstain from all activities in favor of state legislation for old-age pensions. It is necessary to convince the Townsendites that the struggle for state legislation will be helpful in the struggle for federal legislation.

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## Scalers Freed In Murder Trial

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**dered by a jury, on which not one single worker was represented, offers convincing testimony of the defense waged in behalf of the four scalers by the I.L.D.**

From the outset there was no question of the obvious frame-up nature of the case, which grew out of a "riot" created by waterfront employer stool-pigeons and provocateurs. The "riot" was staged at a special meeting called by the very same individuals who provoked the "riot." The defendants in the trial, Francisco Jiminez, Julio Canales, Natalio Villi and Archie Brown, were arrested on murder charges, when one Vincent Torres died in the hospital of pneumonia, ten days after the "riot." Torres had leaped from a window in the union hall during the excitement of the fight and fallen through a marquee to the sidewalk two stories below.

**The prosecution had attempted to prove he had been thrown from the window, despite the dead man's own death-bed statement that he leaped from the window.**

One remaining charge still remains against Natalio Villi, that of "assault." However, in view of the fact he was released on his own recognizance, it is likely this charge will be dropped.

## FOREIGN NEWS
# Briefs

### Japanese Labor Relief for Germans Prices Tumbling

TOKYO, Japan.—The girls of Japan, who form the great mass of textile labor force, live on the factory premises "like soldiers in barracks," the company dominating not only their working hours, but also their private lives. Over one-half of the girls are under 20 years, and only a very few are over 24. In February, 1935, the wage rates of these girls were 32.8 per cent below the 1927 rates and 8.6 per cent below the level of 1932. In the spring of 1935 the girls averaged 70 sen (about 21c) a day, the cost of food (about 5c a day) being deducted from their wages.

MOSCOW.—(FP)—William Randolph Hearst, friend and admirer of Hitler, has his geography a little mixed up when he prints lurid stories about alleged suffering in the Soviet Union, analysis of the latest Soviet export statistics indicates.

The hunger is in Hitler's unhappy land, and export statistics reveal an increasing flow of packages of food from the U.S.S.R. to Germany, sent by Soviet citizens in response to appeals from hungry relatives living there.

MOSCOW.—Prices are tumbling rapidly in the Soviet Union, while wages, as a result of the increased productivity introduced by the Stakhanoff movement, are going up just as rapidly.

In spite of a reduction of prices in October, another slash in sugar and candy prices has just been announced, running from 4 to 20 per cent a year.

Indicating the tremendous advance industry has made, the Kharkov tractor plant is now producing 200 tractors in one seven-hour shift. The plant, as planned by Americans, was built to produce 144 tractors in two seven-hour shifts. Its present production rate is three times its planned capacity.

**Protest capitalist court frame-ups against working class fighters.**

# TOWNSENDITES TO FORM OWN THIRD PARTY

MOVE TO AVERT MAJOR PARTIES FREEZEOUT ATTEMPTS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Advocates of the Townsend Old-Age Pension Plan will definitely run candidates under a third party banner, when neither of the opposing Democratic or Republican candidates will support the plan, said R. E. Clements, co-founder and national secretary of the movement, here today as he stepped off a train from the East.

**"Our third party move is a definite precautionary step to keep the major parties from freezing us out by collusion," he said. "However, whenever a Republican or Democrat will pledge himself to support us, we will back him.**

**"We are not going to nominate a candidate for president because at our present rate of growth we can control a majority of congress. All we are interested in is getting the balance of power in any congressional district."**

Clements claimed tremendous growth for the organization.

"We're growing so fast we can't keep up. When we tell the politicians back each of our power they think we are crazy."

Reports that the Townsend plan would be changed to duck criticism from fiscal and tax experts were denied vigorously by Clements.

"Any reports that the Townsend leaders are contemplating changes in the old-age pension plan are absolutely false," he said. "The transaction tax is sufficient to raise the $200 a month for all over 60 years of age and we need no change.

"We are being viciously lied about and the big fellows are cracking down on us with propaganda of this sort."

### Workers Convicted Passing Leaflets

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Convicted of a charge of distributing copies of the Shipmates' Voice to sailors of the United States fleet, Arthur Howard, 51, and Frank Dupree, 42, will be sentenced here tomorrow by Municipal Judge Harold B. Landreth.

The men were arrested by police on November 24th at Sixth and Main streets. Workers are urged to protest this frame-up conviction and to demand the immediate freedom of these two workers.

# Hawaii Workers Maintain World Unity of Races

SEAMEN, DOCKERS EXPOSE CHAUVINIST LIES OF KEPT PRESS

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 18.—While the sugar-barons of the Paradise of the Pacific have their presses working overtime exposing the "reds, radicals and alien agitators that are creeping in from the mainland"—the local longshoremen and seamen are unobtrusively but very effectively weeding out the few remaining "loyal employees" and organizing the dockers in all Hawaiian ports.

Two hundred longshoremen at Hilo have responded to the organized labor movement in Hawaii and have taken out books in the Honolulu Longshoremen Association. This number represents practically all the dockmen in Hilo.

One more link in the world solidarity between the dockers and seamen of the world was established when, at a joint meeting of seamen and longshoremen in Honolulu, a telegram of pledging support and solidarity was sent to the striking Japanese seamen.

This expression of good will between races has exposed to the people of Hawaii the lies of the local "sugar-kept" press which has claimed that Japanese and Filipino seamen are to be discriminated against.

An employer circulated blank distributed among the dock workers here, in an attempt to establish a company union, proved abortive, when rank and file leaders issued a leaflet exposing the move and the danger of responding to these questionaires.

Local seamen, accomplished a great victory when they forced the removal of Matson's last remaining scabs from the Manukai. A previous attempt on the mainland had not been successful.

# Scharrenberg Denies Mooney Aid

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## MODESTO BOYS ALSO REFUSED

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# Red Scare Used to Oust Official

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Paul Scharrenberg, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, but more widely known as the "admiral without a ship and the sailor without a union," much to his wild alarm and mental anguish, discovered a rank and file member within the circle of his ultra-exclusive employes association, and had him expelled from the union.

The rank and file member was none other than the second vice president of the union, who had incurred Scharrenberg's ire by exposing his treachery after the convention of the State Federation, held in San Diego.

Scharrenberg, who was kicked out of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific by an overwhelming majority as a result of his repeated betrayal of the seamen, managed to sneak into the Office Employees' Association No. 13188, by the stupendous vote of 4 to 2, and had immediately set himself as a guardian angel of the "helpless" little local, to keep all reds and radicals out of it. Paul still believes that if it had not been for the reds and radicals, he would still be a member of the Sailors' Union in good standing.

Bearing this in mind at all times, when the second vice president of his "new" union, uncovered some treachery of his, Scharrenberg succeeded in having the vice president expelled without even a chance to appeal to the "membership."

It all happened when Scharrenberg, in his capacity of secretary of the State Federation, sent a letter to the union, in which he recommended that all unions donate to the Tom Mooney Defense Fund. When the question came on the floor of his own union, in the form of a finky resolution not to give any money to the defense, he voted "Yes." His argument was that the union had no money, the treasurer, however, reported that there was over $600 in the union treasury.

The same thing occurred in the recommendation to donate funds for the defense of the Modesto boys. Here again, Scharrenberg voted against giving anything.

When the rank and file official exposed this black treachery to other unions in the city, Paul called a special meeting at which only five people were present and recommendation to expel the member was carried. The vice president was not even notified of this meeting, but when he went to attend the regular meeting he was barred from entering and was informed that he was no longer a member.

## *RACE RELATIONS SOCIETY WINS VICTORY OVER JIM-CROW SHOPS*

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 18.—A victory against Jim-Crow discrimination has been won by the San Diego Race Relations Society. Effective Jan. 18, a city ordinance will forbid displaying of signs stating Negro trade is not wanted. This ordinance supplements the state civil code and puts teeth into its enforcement.

The ordinance makes it a misdemeanor for "places of public accommodation and amusement," to display signs intended to discourage patronage by Negroes or members of any other race. Penalties of $100 or 30 days in jail for conviction are provided.

The state civil code provides penalties for refusal to serve persons because of race or color, but because of lack of facilities for enforcement has never been very practical in preventing racial discrimination. Where it has been resorted to, the cost of the procedures was often excessive, and only for the purpose of test-cases were complaints filed under it.

The credit for the passing of this ordinance is largely due to the efforts of Dennis V. Allen, president of the Race Relations Society, who vigorously protested the posting of such discriminatory signs against his race, to the city council, and demanded that this ordinance be made into law.

# Relief Strikers Face Deportation As U.S. Aids State

WORKERS DEPORTED ON CHARGES OF BEING COMMUNISTS

By T. J. CROAFF, JR.

(Special Dispatch)

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Charged with being Communist Party members, Jose Flores and Jose P. Barcenas, militant Mexican workers, were deported on Dec. 10 to Mexico, according to A. A. Spurgeon, inspector in charge of the local office of the U. S. Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization.

Flores and Barcenas were arrested because of their active participation in a strike of relief workers here in September, 1934, at which time more than 50 persons were injured by officers and thugs who attacked the picketers savagely with clubs and tear gas. After this brutal fascist assault, which was carried out under the direct orders of Governor B. B. Moeur, a veritable reign of terror was launched by the reactionaires of Phoenix. It was during this terroristic drive that the Workers' Center was wrecked and hundreds of working class homes raided.

A total of seven foreign born workers have been deported under charges of being affiliated to the Communist Party of Arizona, as an outgrowth of the relief workers' strike. Six workers were deported to Mexico, and one to the Philippine Islands.

Felony charges are still pending against more than twenty workers who were arrested in this struggle which was directed against the FERA starvation allowances in Arizona. Only one court conviction was secured; this was against Clay Naff, then Communist candidate for Governor in this state. Naff is now serving a maximum sentence of two years in the Florence state prison.

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—(FP)—Fifteen hundred members of Rochester trade unions and Townsend clubs have endorsed the Lundeen unemployment insurance bill and attacked administration of the city WPA. A committee of 60 trade union delegates has been set up to promote a local Farmer-Labor party.

# NAZI TORTURE CAMPS 'IDEAL,' SAYS WRITER

FRAZIER HUNT ARTICLES FEEBLE ATTEMPTS AT WHITEWASH

By John Broman.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Virtual whitewash for the extreme brutality of Nazi Germany's concentration camps was given by Frazier Hunt, foreign correpondent, in an article appearing in today's Los Angeles Post-Record and the San Francisco Daily News.

Acording to Hunt's article, conditions are practically "ideal" in Hitler's torture camps: meals are "apparently sufficient and wholesome," the beds are clean and warm, and "I did not see" any torture or brutality.

Discipline in the camps is "superb," writes Hunt.

**"'What are you here for?' he (the commandant) would ask, while his eyes twinkled. He understood these men. He had superb discipline, and I am sure he could be hard as nails, but there was no brow-beating now. The eyes of the men were not frightened eyes when they would give their varied answers:**

**"'I was caught spreading Communist propaganda.' 'I was a Communist leader.' 'I passed out Communist newspapers.'"**

Hunt revealed that out of 1800 prisoners in a camp he visited, 1200 were Communists—explaining why the prisoners displayed no fear when they were being questioned.

Required reading for Mister Hunt should be "Fatherland", by Karl Billinger, particularly in view of the following statement:

"Apparently the bitterest feeling has been directed against the Communists. Since coming to power in January, 1933, the Nazis have broken up the Communists' organization, killed, captured or run out the leaders and driven the whole movement underground."

Hunt shoul also read the reports to the Seventh World Congress, relating the widespread activity of the heroic Communist Party of Germany and their leadership in the growing anti-fascist front there.

**BOYCOTT HEARST ADVERTISERS!**

## EAST OF THE
# Rockies

### Florida Murders Injunctions Upheld Hungarian Editor

NEW YORK.—(FP)—That immunity for murderers of labor organizers in Florida does not date from the recent Tampa outrage is suggested in a recent New Masses article by Bruce Minton. The writer presents an affidavit from a witness to the effect that Frank Norman, United Citrus Workers' Union organizer, who mysteriously "disappeared" from Lakeland, Fla., a year and a half ago, was coldbloodedly murdered by vigilantes. Efforts of Norman's widow to get an adequate investigation met assertion by local authorities that they were unable to solve the mystery and with Gov. Sholtz's refusal to order an inquiry.

NEWARK, N. J.—(FP)—New Jersey labor's year-long court fight to prohibit issuance of temporary injunctions in strikes without notice came to an unsuccessful end when Chancellor Luther M. Campbell at Newark denied a State Federation of Labor petition for a change in chancery court rules. He decided in favor of the Newark Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association of New Jersey which opposed restrictions on the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes.

NEW YORK.—(FP)—By broadening interpretation of present laws, the threatened deportation of Emil Gardos, editor of Uj Elore, Hungarian language daily, affects the rights of 14,000,000 foreign-born in the U. S., including 9,000,000 U. S. citizens, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born charges. The citizenship of Gardos, naturalized in the U. S., was revoked last April, and a few months later he was held for deportation. His paper has vigorously attacked the present Fascist regime in Hungary, the country to which the U. S. Department of Labor proposes to send him.

**The peace policy of the Soviet Union is against every attempt to enslave racial minorities.**

# Forward To the Building of a Farmer-Labor Party in California!

### ON BUILDING A FARMER-LABOR PARTY

The District Committee fully endorses the resolutions and decisions of the November Plenary session of the Central Committee of the Party, which raised as the chief political task of the day the building of a Farmer-Labor Party as "the only way in which the working-people of this country can seriously undertake to improve their intolerable conditions—and to ward off the growing menace of capitalist reaction, fascism and war."

This is of especial importance to the California District, where the forces of reaction are particularly aggressive, (as exemplified by the vigilate attacks in Santa Rosa, Eureka, Jackson, and on the maritime unions; by fascist legislation like the C. S. law and "Disaster Preparedness" ordinances; and by the anti-Semitic propaganda of fascist organizations) where the preparations for imperialist war in the Pacific play an exceptionally prominent role, and where the militant forces of the labor movement are on the upgrade.

### POLITICAL SITUATION

The political situation in California shows that with the correct approach to the trade unions, the Epic and Townsend movements, and the Socialist Party, we can become a real force for the building of local Labor Party movements, and eventually a state Farmer-Labor Party. "It is vitally necessary to win for the Farmer-Labor Party the masses around the Townsend and Epic movements and their organizations. We must work in them, seeking united fronts with them with the aim of securing their participation in the Farmer-Labor Party." (C. C. Resolution.)

### THE EPIC MOVEMENT

In 1934 the masses showed their hatred of the reactionary Hoover-Merriam Republican machine by casting nearly a million votes for the Sinclair Epic ticket. This was mainly a vote of the workers, the small farmers, and the city middle class, who believed that the Epic plan and "production for use" could be realized through the Democratic Party and supporting Roosevelt.

**Today, the growing discontent and disillusionment in the New Deal is making it increasingly difficult to convince the Epic followers that their program of "production for use" and opening up the idle factories to the unemployed can reach its aim by continuing to support Roosevelt and the Democratic Party. This has resulted in a decline in the Epic movement on one hand, and a growing current among the Epic organizations that their support of Roosevelt will depend on his endorsing the "production for use" program.**

At the same time, many Epic followers are coming out in favor of the united front and a Labor Party, as witnessed by the strong minority votes registered at the State Epic Convention and the Production-for-Use Conference. While this does not yet represent a mass break-away from the Democratic Party, it shows a definite leftward trend which can become the basis for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. We must show to the Epic Democratic followers that the realization of their demands can be accomplished only by the building of such a party.

**The C. C. resolution states: "This principle of 'production for use' and the demand for the opening of the factories to the unemployed are just and correct. They are ours and we support them. In working with the Epic followers and organizations for the opening of the factories and to win them for the Farmer-Labor Party, we seek to convince them that it is an illusion to believe that it is possible, as Sinclair claims, to build up a separate economy of the unemployed in the midst of capitalism, or that it is possible to build up a system of 'production for use' without the abolition of capitalism. Nevertheless, the Communists will offer no objections to the policy of committing the Farmer-Labor Party to a program of 'production for use' because such a program would express, though in a vague way, the aspirations of wide masses to Socialism.'**

### TOWNSEND MOVEMENT

**Similarly, we must show a more positive approach to the Townsend movement. "The principle underlying the main demand of the Townsend movement, the demand for old-age pensions and security, is a just principle, it is our principle, and we must fight jointly with them to realize it. Only a Farmer-Labor Party will be able to realize this principle. The important question of how to secure funds for old-age pensions—by taxation of the rich, as we propose, or by inflation which hurts the poor, as Townsend proposes—this question we must seek to settle in a correct way jointly with the Townsend groups in the Farmer-Labor movement, by decision of the masses themselves." (C. C. Resolution.)**

**The Townsend movement has the same "non-Partisan" attitude toward the Republican and Democratic parties as the traditional A. F. of L. policy of "reward your friends and punish your enemies." Thus it helps to keep the resentment against the two old capitalist parties from breaking out in the form of independent political action of the workers and the middle class, and objectively strengthens the Republican party, which is an even more bitter enemy of old-age pensions and social security than the New Dealers. In view of Townsend's threat to form a "third party" we must convince them that only by building a Farmer-Labor party can their fight for old-age pensions be won; we support their fight, although we will propose amendments to the Townsend Plan to embody the fundamental measures of the Lundeen Bill, and on a state scale, the Pelletier Bill.**

### THE SOCIALIST PARTY

The Socialist Party in California has persistently refused to support the united front, but there are encouraging tendencies to change this attitude, as the affiliation of the Oakland Socialist Party branch to the Labor Party movement, and the active support of the anti-Nazi, anti-fascist struggle by Jewish Socialist organizations in Los Angeles. We must increase our efforts to bring the Socialist Party into the united front for defense of civil rights, against fascism and war, and into the movement for a Labor Party.

### TRADE UNION WORK

The most important immediate task is to develop a campaign in the trade unions to create a sentiment for a Labor Party. The recent San Francisco municipal elections showed that the winning of the trade unions is the key to the development of the movement. The United Labor Ticket in San Francisco was not yet a Labor Party, but it was the first elementary step in the direction of independent working-class political action. It was an important achievement in that it represented a united front of a number of A. F. of L. trade unions (35), the most advanced Epic-Democratic followers, and the Communist Party. But its chief weakness was that it represented only a small minority of the trade union movement of San Francisco, the majority of which is still tied to the old capitalist parties and candidates by the "non-partisan" policy of the leaders of the Central Labor Council and its "Union Labor Party" machinery, which prevents the workers from taking independent political action in their own interests.

### AGAINST VIGILANTISM

The winning of the trade unions for a Labor Party, as the best means of fighting back the capitalist offensive and defeating reaction, must be linked up with the development of a broad campaign to struggle against the most concrete examples of fascist tendencies in California, vigilantism sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce, Hearst, and other reactionary capitalist interests directed against the entire labor movement, and first of all against its most militant and advanced sections.

The struggle against vigilantism must not continue to lag behind, because it is a serious threat not only to the Communist Party, but to the whole trade union movement. Mass pressure must be developed in every local union, district council, and Central Labor Council, to force the local and state officials of the AFL to put into action the anti-vigilante resolution of the last convention of the State Federation of Labor, and the recent decision of its Executive Committee to constitute the whole membership of the AFL as a "Committee of One Hundred Thousand" against vigilantism. We must show how a Farmer-Labor Party in California would take up the struggle against vigilantism as well as other issues that affect the workers and farmers of the state.

### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

In the coming 1936 elections, we must develop a campaign for a legislative program on state issues, among which the following are the most important:

**1. The calling of a special session of the Legislature to consider the question of unemployment insurance and the repeal of the sales tax.**

**2 Amending the present Unemployment Reserves Bill, which taxes the workers and does not insure the unemployed, to embody the main features of the Pelletier Bill for unemployment, old-age and social insurance.**

**3. Opposition to the Hearst-inspired move for the repeal of the state income tax law; for its revision to relieve small incomes and increase the tax on higher incomes.**

**4. Demand that the state open idle industrial enterprises at union wages to supply jobs to the unemployed. Demand for Federal and State appropriations for the unemployed cooperatives, and that they be democratically controlled and pay prevailing union wages.**

**5. For the defense of labor and civil rights; for repeal of the C. S. law; for the passage of a State law outlawing vigilante gangs and providing drastic punishment.**

### *Resolution of the District Committee*

This resolution was discussed by the District Committee and accepted as a basis for thorough discussion in the Sections, Subsections and Units as a preliminary to the forthcoming Party Convention in March.

Agitprop directors should make a special study of the resolution with a view to guiding discussion in the units, making all points concrete by the addition of factual material concerning our campaigns in the localities and concentration areas.

### OUR ELECTION PROGRAM

In the fight for the most immediate demands of the working and farming masses, the Party must make every effort to bring about a united front in the coming state elections with the Epic and Townsend movements and the Socialist Party.

**In the absence of a Farmer-Labor Party, the Communist Party will enter a slate of candidates for election, but it stands prepared to endorse and support any Epic, Townsend, or Socialist candidate who favors the united front and who runs on a platform to support and fight for the most immediate economic needs of the workers and farmers, for the defense of democratic rights, and against the menace of fascist reaction and war.**

Even if such state candidates are nominated on the Democratic ticket, the Communist Party welcomes their fight for the united front as a step in the direction of winning the Epic and Democratic followers of Sinclair and the Roosevelt New Deal from the old capitalist parties, and for independent political action, for a Farmer-Labor Party. At the same time, we must warn against any attempt to divert the mass discontent of the workers and middle class into the channels of a petty-bourgeois "progressive" third-party such as the Commonwealth Political Federation proposes, because it would be essentially no different than the two old parties (as evidenced by the LaFollette Progressive party in Wisconsin) and would result in eventually throwing its support to the Democratic or Republican Party.

### TASKS DEFINED

In order to build the movement for the united front and for independent political action, the District Committee places the following tasks in the center of the work for the coming year:

**1. Organization of the Party's mass agitation on the need for a Farm-Labor Party in the trade unions, Epic and Townsend organizations, the Socialist Party, and the farmers' organizations; and the holding of open forums debates, and material in trade union bulletins, the Party bulletins and general press; emphasizing the need for a united front in the 1936 elections as widely as possible.**

**2. Every section, sub-section and unit in city or town, must take steps to establish friendly contact with every Epic, Townsend, and Socialist organization, proposing the developing of united fronts on a local or neighborhood scale and the development of struggles on specific issues affecting the locality. It must react to all economic issues affecting the workers (hours, wages, unemployed relief, WPA, etc.), and to all municipal issues and affairs. We must also take up more energetically the struggle for equal rights for the Negro people, especially on issues of discrimination on relief, getting jobs, trade union membership, etc., and build the united front around the National Negro Congress.**

**3. The formation of trade union committees for the promotion of a Labor Party in the cities, whose main task shall be to carry on an educational campaign to win the trade unions and crystallize the sentiment for a Labor Party, and lay the basis for local Labor tickets in municipal elections. Similarly, in the farm areas, to establish committees in the farm organizations (Grange, Dairymen's Union, Farm Bureau, Farmers' Union, and cooperatives, etc.) for the promotion of a Farmer-Labor Party. The linking up of the various local Labor-Party movements by establishing contact with each other, exchanging representatives at conferences and mass meetings, and eventually setting up a state coordinating committee to work out a common plan of campaign on the various important state issues.**

**4. The strengthening and consolidating of our position in the trade unions, district councils, Central Labor Councils, and the State Federation of Labor. While as a result of our work there has been a strengthening of the militant forces in the trade unions of San Francisco, Oakland, San Diego, and to a lesser extent in Los Angeles, we cannot be satisfied with the fact that outside of the maritime industry, we are seriously lagging behind, and have not yet mobilized all the forces of the Party for the work in the unions, particularly our concentration tasks in the basic industries. We have to record and overcome the neglect of the work among the agricultural workers. We have to adopt a correct attitude to the honest, progressive elements in the unions, including the lower trade union officials, and ally ourselves with all forces that are sincerely fighting for progressive measures and policies in the trade unions, even if they disagree with us on a number of questions. Above all, we must realize our aim of bringing every eligible Party member into the unions, and our slogan "Every Communist an active trade unionist."**

**5. Finally, the accomplishment of these tasks will depend on the building of the Party, the improvement of its political education, and on the strengthening of the Party press. "This gigantic historical task of speedily breaking away of the broad masses from the Republican and Democratic parties—the building of the Farmer-Labor Party—expressing as it does the burning needs of the masses, demands the strengthening of the C. P. organizationally and ideologically so as to be able to fully serve the masses, and lead them in their advance to this new stage. The stronger and better equipped the Communist Party becomes, the better will it be able to build a broad people's front against the menace of fascism and war." (C. C. Resolution.)**

The District Committee therefore resolves in the coming months to concentrate on recruiting and overcoming fluctuation during the National Recruiting Drive, on the financial and circulation drive for an 8-page Western Worker, and on popularizing the decisions of the 7th World Congress of the Communist International and the Central Committee of our Party.

# Rip Tides

By LE MAE

Yea, I used to run down to Cuba out of New York . . . we used to hit four or five ports there. . . . I did my share of carousing in every port . . . that is, every port except Cienfuegos. . . . I didn't . . . but let me start from the beginning.

It was the morning of July 4th . . . Independence Day. . . . As we steamed through the narrow, bottle-like neck channel that leads to the harbor, under a brilliant early morning Caribean sun, I felt good to be at sea . . . until a sharp kink in my back reminded me too forcibly of a night spent on a damp hatch cover, trying to sleep . . . foc'sles are not built for sleep in the tropics.

As we slowly passed abeam of a magnificent white hacienda on the crest of a rolling green hill . . . a flag went up . . . the stars and stripes could be made out plainly as it hung limply in the breathless monrning air . . . the American Consulate. . . . A sharp bend in the channel and the broad harbor of Cienfuegos hove in full sight. . . The roofs of the houses . . . a bright red, looked nice and clean in the morning sun . . . the smell of raw molasses sweetened the air . . . huge tanks covered the surrounding hills.

Zestfully I bent on the many flags to the halyards as we dressed ship for the anniversary of the American Independence . . . my pigeon breast swelled proudly as I bent on old glory . . . smartly I dipped the "colors" to the sleek, fast looking destroyer . . . anchored off a palatial yacht club . . . gee, it felt good to be an American.

The angry blast of the mate's whistle sent me scurrying to call all hands on deck. . . . Slowly we drew near the dock. . . . In the bright sunlight I could make out scores of people on the pier . . . waving . . . waiting to greet us . . . must be a local holiday, too, I thought, as I noted all the women and children . . . on a little closer approach, to my surprise, I observed there were very few men present.

"Lot of people down to see us dock this morning," I remarked to the bo'sun as we stood on the foc'sle head ready to moor the ship.

"They ain't down just to SEE us," he grunted, as he motioned to the crowd. . . . I followed his hand and for the first time . . . noticed that all the people were holding some kind of a container in their hands . . . and they were all clamoring. . . I could not make out what they were shouting as the anchor chain went over the wildcat with a roar. . . . For the next few minutes we were busy mooring and hauling the heavy mooring lines across the deck.

Through . . . I leaned up against the railing and as I wiped the heavy sweat off my face . . . I gazed at the scene before . . . it was no holiday scene I saw there . . . women with rusty tin cans in one hand and squalling, naked babies in the other were begging piteously . . . "Monje, Monje . . . Food, Food" . . . suddenly one of the crew appeared on deck and like a man throwing a hungry dog a bone . . . he cast a half loaf of stale bread on the dock . . . pandemonium reigned . . . like a pack of hungry wolves . . . the women dove for the prize.

More bread followed as other members of the crew followed suit . . . and then tin cans were thrown aboard ship . . . and were returned full of cold rancid coffee . . . the heartrending scene was suddenly cut short when the old man bellowed down from the bridge . . . "Steward . . . lock up that bread . . . do you want us to starve?"

Amazed at all I had just witnessed . . . I asked the pilot the meaning of all this . . . as I helped him down the gangway. He looked at me dispassionately . . . set his grip down . . . and then pointed across the harbor. . . . "Do you see those tanks . . . they were full of molasses." . . . "the money is in America . . . the tanks are empty . . . and those warehouses over there . . . they, too, are empty now . . . the money is in America." . . . "Everything is in America . . . our money . . . our food, even our labor . . . that is why, my young American . . . we are starving here."

We sailed out through the harbor in the late afternoon. . . . I gazed back to the beautiful harbor . . . and as I took down old glory from its halyard . . . I wasn't so sure I was proud to be an American.

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# British C.P. Asks Affiliation With Nat. Labor Party

### HISTORIC STEP TOWARDS FIGHT FOR UNITY TAKEN

LONDON, England.—The Communist Party of Great Britain has made application for affiliation, nationally and locally, to the British Labor Party.

The application was made in a letter signed by Harry Pollitt, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain and addressed to the Labor Party headquarters.

Coming on the heels of the recent general elections just over, in which Labor candidates, Labor agents and workers all over England bore witness to the inestimable value of the United Front achieved between Labor and the Communist Party, the letter applying for affiliation was hailed with enthusiastic response by those who have the real interest of British workers at heart.

The letter which accurately points out the lesson of the recent election to be gained, also warns the workers of the dangerous war situation now looming.

While applying for affiliation the letter states: "The Communist Party has always made known its revolutionary standpoint and will continue to do so.

**"The Communist Party and its membership is prepared to work honestly and sincerely for the strengthening of the working class . . . and the winning of a majority of the working class representatives on all local bodies and in Parliament. . . . It is prepared to do this not as a maneuver or for any concealed aims, but because it believes that this would unite the working class and make it better able to face the immediate fight against the National Government, against Fascism and imperialist war."**

Coming after ten years of disaffiliation, this letter constitutes a historic step in the struggle for unity of the British working class in the face of the threats and menaces which crowd thick and fast upon it.

## Court Upholds Scab Cargo Ban

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Union longshoremen in New York have been upheld in their right to refuse to handle goods brought in by nonunion teamsters and truck-drivers.

The decision, regarded as having significance wherever trade unions are helping one another, was handed down by the court of appeals at Albany. It affirmed the removal of an injunction which the New York Lumber Trades Association had previously obtained by alleging "undue prejudice and disadvantage" to the lumber trade.

## PWUU GIVES FUNERAL FOR JAMES HARVEY IN BERKELEY SERVICES

BERKELEY.—Colored and white joined in fraternity at the funeral of James Harvey, first funeral to be conducted under the auspices of Local No. 8 of the Public Workers and Unemployed Union.

The funeral was held in the Hudson Funeral Home, 953 Eighth street, Oakland.

Interment took place at Evergreen Cemetery. There were three colored and three white pallbearers.

Harvey was born in Kansas City, Kan., in 1899. He is mourned by a wife and five children.

# Big Business Tax Test Suit Awaits Court Decision

### INJUNCTION WOULD PUT TAX BURDEN ON HOMEOWNERS

By T. J. CROAFF, JR.

PHOENIX, Ariz., December 14.—Counsel for the Phelps-Dodge and the State of Arizona have started preparation of voluminous written arguments as the corporation's nine week tax injunction trial came to an end in the United States District Court, according to word received from Tucson by the Federated Press.

Norman Hull, chief of counsel for the Phelps-Dodge, and Dudley W. Windes, assistant attorney general in charge of the defense, submitted the case, the longest and most involved in local legal history, to Judge Albert M. Sames.

Judge Sames failed to give any indication as to when he will make a decision in the $1,700,000 tax injunction suit, which arose when the Phelps-Dodge corporation decided to make a "test" suit for the reduction of its taxes.

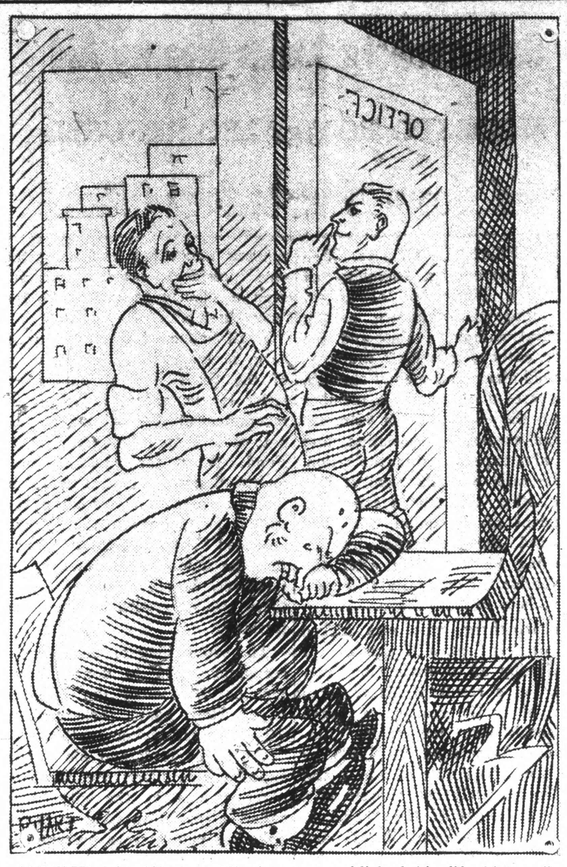
If the P.-D. corporation succeed in the injunction proceedings, other mining companies will make similar demands for tax reductions which will result in placing the burden of the tax load on the small farmers and homeowners.

Attorney General Sullivan, supported by progressive and liberal groups in Arizona, is vigorously pushing this important case in an effort to defeat the injunction sought.

## WPA Workers, Cops?

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Under direct order from President Roosevelt, 1000 WPA workers will be assigned to guard Los Angeles school crossings, Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz told the Board of Supervisors here today.

Biscailuz said the president would announce his action within a few days and the project opened by December 30. At present only 130 officers are assigned to the 200 most dangerous school crossings, he said.




"SHHH! The Western Worker just published his life history."

## ILD Leads Fight on Infamous Conditions Lincoln Height Jail

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Activity to fight discriminatory conditions at the infamous Lincoln Heights jail was called for by James McShann, victim of the June 1, 1934, charity "riot" frame-up, in a statement this week:

"We are three of many political prisoners who are serving long terms for committing no crime other than asking better conditions for those on relief.

"John Sanders, Harold Hendricks and myself are denied proper food, medical attention and are being discriminated against in every way. Nothing but mass pressure and militant action of the workers can set us free."

After five months of struggle, with delegations sent to the police commission and the City Council, the International Labor Defense has succeeded in forcing Jailor Shand to allow McShann to have his back support, needed as a result of injuries from a beating at the hands of police sadists. Another delegation visited the council yesterday in continued struggle to better conditions for these class war prisoners.

## Rodo Shimbun to Hold Fete at L.A.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—"Japan Night" will be celebrated here at the Los Angeles Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring street, on Saturday, December 28, as a benefit for the Rodo Shimbun, Japanese Communist newspaper.

An elaborate program has been arranged with skits, fencing exhibitions, songs, Japanese music, and dancing. Chop Suey will be served in the cafeteria, starting at 7 p. m. Admission to the Nipponese celebration will be 25 cents.

## TAMPA MURDER BRINGS ARREST OF POLICEMEN

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 19.—Five policemen were placed under arrest on charges of first degree murder, as a result of the avalanche of indignant protests that have engulfed the authorities here.

The five "tough cops" who are being held without bail in the County jail, raided a private home without a warrant to make the arrest which culminated in the murder of John Shoemaker, labor organizer. The mayor was forced to remove the chief of police, who it is reported actually knew and abetted the assault.

Although the vicious atrocity toook place on November 30, "official investigation" did not take place until along with nationwide demands for investigation and apprehension of those responsible for the crime, William Green, threatened to move the 1936 American Federation of Labor convention from Tampa, its scheduled site.

Norman Thomas joined in the protest. He stated to the press it is almost certain there will be an attempt to white-wash the affair. "Tarred today and whitewashed tomorrow" is the expression used among Tampa workers, he said.

# Weaknesses in L.A. Anti-Fascist Front

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By M. SILVER

**A preceding article (Western Worker, Dec. 16) described the initial steps in the building of successful united action of the Jewish working class in Los Angeles in the Jewish Anti-Nazi League.**

**First steps were taken during the struggle last Winter against rising meat prices. The next issue upon which united action was crystallized was against the Dies Deportation Bill. The entire Anti-Nazi League was then brought into action around the issue of persecution of the Jews by the Nazi regime.**

Eighty-one organizations responded to the call for a second conference held by the Anti-Nazi League on September 16. Among the delegates were twenty representing youth organizations. This was the direct result of a definite orientation on the part of the committee and the Young Communist League to draw the youth into the Anti-Nazi front.

A provisional youth committee was set up and it was decided to call a special Youth Conference, at a date to be set at a future meeting. But some of the youth comrades were a bit slow and two weeks elapsed before the second meeting of the provisional committee. Meanwhile the "United Anti-Nazi Conference" set up independently by the District Committee of the Workman's Circle, has already set a date for a Youth Conference of its own.

### Sabotage Suspected

**There was a strong suspicion the "United" had taken this action only to hamper the work being done among the youth by the progressive elements. But it was decided to give up the idea of a conference and to call upon the youth organizations to participate in the conference called by the "United."**

Thirteen out of the original twenty organizations responding to our first conference participated in the "United's" meeting. This was the "United's" entire youth representation. Ypsls, Young Circles, which are junior Workman Circle branches, did not respond. About the only thing the "United" contributed to the Youth Conference which it had called was a permanent secretary, Miss Levitt, who is the daughter of the "Forward" manager, and Mr. Brilliand, secretary of the "United" as permanent chairman for the youth WE had mobilized.

Aside from the sabotage by the "United" we must state that our youth comrades showed some weaknesses. They began to discuss results before the work had been started. They discussed organizational results and to what extent the Anti-Nazi work would help the Youth Congress. But they had not yet done any work in the Anti-Nazi field. In this respect, however, they were corrected and became convinced that the united front activity against Nazi-ism should be made a central point.

### Lacked Experience

The young comrades lacked experience and elasticity in dealing with the experienced politicians of the "United." We of the Jewish Anti-Nazi League laid a great deal of stress upon the creation of a broad united front among the youth. We saw in this united front a bridge to unity among the adults. If the "United" however, was not instrumental in bringing even one youth organization to the Conference, then it was ridiculous to leave the thirteen youth organizations in the hands of Miss Levitt and Mr. Brilliand.

We have recorded the accomplishments of the Anti-Nazi Front. But there are several weaknesses, which if corrected, will improve the work of the united front to a considerable extent. First, our committee must get into closer touch with affiliated organizations and endeavor to bring new groups into the activity. Secondly, our efforts to force the "United Conference" for united action were not organized. We must help the unorganized opposition in the "United" to take effective action. Thirdly, the Anti-Nazi activity has been limited mainly to the Jewish people. The struggle against Nazi-ism cannot and must not be limited to the Jewish people alone; it must be spread to the entire population.

We failed also to bring the Anti-Nazi fight into the political arena. We are engaged in collecting signatures to a petition to the State Legislature demanding adoption of resolutions against Nazi Germany. But at the same time we have done nothing to bring pressure to bear on the City Council. We must correct this tendency.

We must also be prepared to conduct a very intensive drive for the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann. This drive must be prepared ideologically so that every anti-Nazi will be convinced that Thaelmann is the leader of the anti-Nazis of the world and that this leader must be freed.

## Help Nazi Victims Is Plea of Church

NEW YORK. — (FP) — Christians in the U. S. are appealed to, in a resolution passed by the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, for funds for relief and resettlement of 5000 Christians of Jewish ancestry who have fled Hitler's terror in Germany and are living in poverty in other countries.

The council recommends that funds be sent to the American Christian Committee for German Refugees, 287 Fourth ave., New York City. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman is chairman, and Frank Ritchie, executive secretary, of the committee.

# Prosperity's in the Air for a Major War Industry

## *HOW ROOSEVELT GOVERNMENT IS FINANCING AIRCRAFT CO.*

By Paul Duval

If you are manufacturing war materials, such as, for example, aircraft, you can learn how to increase your profits by glancing over the experiences of the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, which moved from Buffalo to San Diego this fall.

In business 12½ years, it manufactured and sold over $23,000,000 of aircraft and parts, mostly to the U. S. and other governments, on which a net profit of approximately 10 per cent was made. However, in 1932 and 1933, the corporation oparated on a deficit, and only in 1934 did it pick up, netting about ½ per cent profit. But in the first half of 1935 life brightened considerably for the company. War clouds were rolling up over Europe, the Far East and Africa. Profits netted 10.2 per cent.

### GOV'T CONTRACTS

A big war industry like Consolidated has to hustle when war is near. The plums have to be picked before someone else gets their hands on them. Sometimes the tree has to be shaken a little. Consolidated started 1935 with $4,930,795 of unfilled orders on its books. Of these, $3,000,000 was for a contract with the U. S. government for 50 PB-2A two seater single motor planes for the Army.

Then in July one of the most luscious of plums was dropped into the Corporation's lap by the U. S. government. This was a contract with the U. S. Navy for 60 bi-motored patrol seaplanes, XP3Y-1. (This is the seaplane that established the new world's non-stop flight record, Panama to Alameda, Calif., recently.)

The value of this contract is $6,506,000, excluding the power plants and the propellers, which in turn probably will increase the value of the contract tremendously.

### REASONS FOR MOVING

For eleven years the company was located in Buffalo, N. Y., where over 1000 planes were manufactured for the U. S. government. This site was satisfactory while there wasn't much business in seaplanes for the Navy. The production of seaplanes requires large surfaces of water the year around for testing grounds, and Lake Erie freezes over in winter. The few smaller contracts with the Navy necessitated shipping the seaplanes to Baltimore, where they were tested and from there they were ferried to North Island Naval Air Station, San Diego.

1935 arrived, with the jingoes in Congress working day and night to create war preparation hysteria. Hundreds of millions of dollars were appropriated for war materials. Things looked like easy pickings for Consolidated. They set out to grab for themselves the pick of the contracts. In the meantime they figured it would not be so practical to remain in Buffalo, with the great cost of shipping seaplanes to Baltimore and ferrying them to San Diego, where 90 per cent of their production was being delivered to the Navy and the Army.

### SAN DIEGO PAYS BONUS

Years before, they had begun scouting around for ideal places for their plant. Southern California had been chosen as the best location,—open shop, low labor costs, and right next to the fleet and Army air bases.

The city officials and Chambers of Commerce of Southern California grew hysterical with praises for their fair cities. They frothed at the mouth over the disadvantages of other cities. Hustling Rotarians and paunchy mayors racked their brains over schemes to entice the aircraft company within their city limits. The idea was to give the Consolidated a bonus—something for nothing—for moving to their towns. The pockets of the taxpayers were surveyed to see if there was anything there in the way of land sites from the public domain, tax exemptions, etc.

The inducements of San Diego finally won the Consolidated officials.

First, San Diego would give the Consolidated Aircraft a 50-year lease on 33 acres of the choicest industrial land, right in the heart of the city, on the outskirts of Lindbergh Field, rated as one of the finest air fields in the country, for the ridiculously low rental of $1400 a year. Promises were also made that new seaplane ramps into San Diego bay would be ready for the company as soon as WPA harbor projects were completed.

Second, San Diego would guarantee an open shop city, with low labor costs for skilled labor.

### "NO LABOR DISPUTES"

In "Port of San Diego", a booklet issued by the Harbor Dept. and the Chamber of Commerce, this is said of Labor:

"This desire to remain in Southern California, combined with the low cost of living, causes the workman to accept substantially lower wages than in most Eastern centers. The superabundance of labor also is a factor in reducing the wage scale. The results of these factors is that industries locating in San Diego obtain a high-grade, exceptionally efficient class of labor, at a generally lower cost per hour than in the East. San Diego is an 'open shop' city. Strikes and labor disputes are practically unknown."

Now that the Consolidated is located in San Diego, they are taking advantage of these factors with a vengeance, latest reports from their employes tell that wages as low as 32c per hour are being paid; that organizing of workers is meeting with intimidation; that at least one worker has been fired already for organizing.

### FEDERAL SUBSIDY

Third, with the help of the Hon. George Burnham, congressman for the district, an R.F.C. loan of $500,000 was granted the Consolidated to finance its moving from Buffalo to San Diego. The limit on this kind of loan is supposed to be $100,000, but Mr. Burnham ably intereceded for the war industry, and the loan was increased to the higher figure.

## *OPEN SHOP HELPED BRING NEW BUSINESS TO SAN DIEGO*

The financial condition of the Consolidated Aircraft is supposed to be A-1. As of June 30, 1935, current assets amounted to $1,584,166, and current liabilities were only $164,351. Cash was $545,524 and receivables were $580,832. The capital of the corporation is composed of only one class of stock and does not include any funded or mortgage debt on plant, property or equipment. Why this company, with such a large cash balance and in such a healthy financial condition, should ask and be granted an R.F.C. loan of $500,000, to move its plant is one of those things which show the Roosevelt government is pleased to lend money to and even subsidize, war industries which fit in with its plans for building the Army and the Navy to war strength.

### PROFITS UP

It can be easily understood that the moving of the Consolidated plant to San Diego has been a highly profitable maneuver on the part of its officials. Profits should now soar into the stratosphere. For the first nine months of 1935, earnings per share were 52c, compared to 1c in 1934. (Par value of the shares is $1.) **Merely an increase of 5200 per cent.**

Another tip war industries can take from this aircraft company, is a very valuable one for accumulating sure profits. Instead of going to all the trouble and expense of engaging in legitimate, competitive production of aircraft, necessitating the stocking of large inventories, and the risk of carrying receivables, Consolidated builds aircraft only **on advance orders, preferably guaranteed by government contracts.** The Consolidated Aircraft is really more of a contractor of aircraft than a manufacturer.

In its new San Diego plant, **only war aircraft will be produced.**

### "FLYING SPIDER"

Consolidated Aircraft is the kind of business that flourishes and grows fat on war. Purely and simply, it is one of the new generation of war babies. It is like a fat spider waiting for flies, the kind of flies that feed on the offal of war,—and the Consilodated feeds on them. With $9,506,000 in contracts in their pockets, officials of the company estimate that it will take one and one a half years, on an 8-hour shift basis to complete the contracts. With more war contracts in hand, the plant may go on two shift, or possibly three shift basis. With no more war contracts, at the end of the year and a half period, the plant will shut down, the employes will be dismissed, and the spider will wait patiently for more war contracts, losing nothing in the wait.


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### CLOSED UNION SHOPS

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—(FP)—America's motion picture industry, home of fantasy and fairy stories, is headed for the very real condition of union closed shops. Such appears to be the fate of the films as a result of the growing spirit of cooperation between the Screen Actors' Guild, affiliated with the A. F. of L., the Screen Writers' Guild, soon to be affiliated, and the Los Angeles Central Trades and Labor Council.

# ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

**SAN FRANCISCO**
**Daily, 10 a. m., Judge Jacks' court: Ship Scalers' murder trial.**
**Dec. 24, 8 p. m., 779 Vallejo st.: Christmas Eve party for prison relief fund.**

The International Labor Defense in San Francisco is participating in a call for a delegated meeting to be held at California club, 1750 Clay st., Jan. 13, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of forming a committee for the recognition of the status of political prisoners.

A campaign has already been inaugurated in New York in order to introduce at the next session of the legislature a statute defining the status of political prisoners and designating the treatment to be given them in prison.

California, with more political prisoners than any other state, many of them serving long terms, is considered the logical successor to New York in pressing such a statute.

The United States and Great Britain are the only countries that do not recognize the status of political prisoners unless the discrimination which is generally practiced in this country may be considered a form of left-handed recognition.

Among other persecutions, political prisoners are forced to do hard and unusual labor, their visiting and mail privileges are cut down and they are refused access to the literature they wish to read.

Organizations interested in this campaign are requested to appoint two or more delegates to attend the meeting on Jan. 13. Individuals are also invited to attend and take part in the work of the committee.

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Fine progress in the collection of the Christmas fund for relief of political prisoners and their families is reported at the I.L.D. office.

Many notable donations have been made, among them one of $12.50 from a ship's crew, accompanied by a message wishing "our brothers in prison a merry Christmas" and expressing the hope "to see the day when union labor will be able to free you."

The Miscellaneous Union, A. F. of L., sends $12.50, also, with greetings, and one worker, a waiter, donates $12.40.

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Building up the present inadequate bail fund is one of the important tasks facing the San Francisco district of the International Labor Defense. In an emergency where several workers are arrested within a short period and on widely different charges, they are forced to endure long detentions in jail while the I.L.D. attempts to raise the requisite cash or property bail.

In deportation cases, the Federal courts require that a person posting property bail must be unmarried and property unmortgaged. In state courts the marital status of the bondholder is a matter of indifference, but the property must have the equity of bail set, above all mortgages. So it goes.

For these reasons, the I.L.D. is seeking to establish a permanent list of persons owning property, who will be available when the need for bail arises.

In no case will the property be used without first consulting with and obtaining the consent of the owner; an impossibility, in any case, because the owner must personally post the bonds.

Such a list, giving all necessary data on the person and the amount and kind of property which each would be able to post, would eliminate the delays in securing acceptable bonds that frequently occur when there is a pressure of cases.

If you can qualify for such a service to the labor cause, please notify the I.L.D. office at once.

# Free Trip to the Soviet Union

## Quotas in the Western Worker Drive—and Prizes for Overfulfilling Them!

**The annual drive for the sustaining fund for the Western Worker opens January 1 and closes March 14. We must raise $7500 to guarantee the finances of our paper for the year of 1936. Success in raising this sum will not only assure the workers of the West that their paper will be on a sure footing, but in addition will make it possible to inaugurate improvements.**

**Below, in the left hand column, are the quotas for each section of District 13; in the right hand column is the basis of competition for the prizes to be awarded to the sections who do the best work. Whether your section has gone to work on the drive or not, now is the time to hustle to win the award for the group in which your section is classified.**

| Section: | Quota |
|---|---|
| A) Los Angeles | $3500 |
| San Francisco | 2500 |
| B) East Bay | 350 |
| C) San Diego | 200 |
| D) San Mateo | 100 |
| Santa Barbara | 75 |
| Monterey | 75 |
| Sonoma | 75 |
| E) San Bernardino | 50 |
| Sacramento | 50 |
| Fresno | 50 |
| Eureka | 50 |
| Contra Costa | 50 |
| F) San Jose | 25 |
| Bakersfield | 25 |
| Porterville | 25 |
| Stockton | 25 |
| Merced | 25 |
| Tulare | 25 |
| Nevada | 25 |
| Arizona | 25 |
| At Large, District No. 13 | 175 |
| TOTAL | $7500 |

**GROUP A—Los Angeles and San Francisco are competing for a free trip to the Soviet Union for some worker within their section. The method of choosing the lucky individual will be announced later.**
**This free trip will be the reward of the SECTION which oversubscribes its quota the most! Will it be a Los Angeles worker or a San Francisco worker?**
**He will visit Moscow on May 1st, with all expenses paid on a round-trip from New York City.**

**GROUPS B and C.—A mimeograph machine, mimeoscope and other supplies for getting out leaflets, etc., will be awarded the unit in the Ea. Bay and San Diego sections which turns in the highest percentage over its quota.**

**GROUP D—A mimeograph machine and equipment will go to the section in this group which raises the highest percentage over and above its quota.**

**GROUPS E and F—A mimeograph machine to a section in this group on the same basis as above.**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DRIVE.**

# A Recruit to the Jackhammers

*A Short Story By "Tim Toiler"*

Although we didn't know why, we sensed what was wanted of us. Half the broken pavement gang had been sent back to the trench, but we kept up with the jackhammers without effort. That meant the jackhammer gang had been slowed down, too. Okay! If they wanted us to lay down on the job, we'd do it. We had no special interest in it. What was there about a WPA job at $55 a month to make us like it?

So we horsed around and shot the gab, and occasionally threw a few pieces of pavement onto the haulaway pile. Soon the foremen tired of keeping up appearances and bunched up around the tool chest.

"I wonder why they're stalling?" asked Slade.

"Who knows? Maybe the big shots are trying to chisel a bigger appropriation for this project," ventured Bill.

"Well, what the hell's the difference—we won't get anything out of it if they do."

"Yeh, what the hell . . ."

We begin to kid Louie. Someone had discovered that he frequented the Lonesome Club.

"Oh, Louie, are you taking care of all the lonesome gals?"

Louie grinned good naturedly. "Think I'm as dumb as you guys, trying to support a wife and kids on WPA wages?"

"Yeh, look at Pedro Rodriguez," said Big Boy, "Trying to support seven kids on $55 a month."

"Society must guarantee us security in life," said Glover. Glover was always blaming things on the system. "Men won't be timid about marrying when they know their jobs will be secure and their children will be secure."

"You mean 'Security Wages,'" Bill sung out.

Glover laughed with us. We were all dissatisfied with our pay and it was Glover who was quietly organizing the men against it. Thorugh him quite a number of the boys had signed up in the Public Works and Unemployed Union, which was heading the fight for union wages. But only Bill and I knew that he was a Communist. He had singled us out and after he felt sure of us, brought us down to on open meeting of his Party unit.

The project superintendent's big Buick shot by and stopped near the air compressors. Like magicians the foremen appeared in their usual places. The sharp staccato of the jackhammers pierced the air, and without being told we began heaving pavement.

The project superintendent was talking to the city foreman and we cold see him waving his hands. The rest of our gang was brought back from the trench and two more compressors came bumping down the detour.

We still didn't know what it was all about, but the demand now was for speed. Down by the compressors all was not well. There were not enough men in the crew to man the additional jackhammers.

"If the WPA hasn't enough air drillers, we'll make some," shouted the superintendent above the din.

He followed the city foreman down to the broken pavement gang. "Ya got any jackhammer operators on your gang?" he asked the WPA foreman.

The WPA foreman shrugged his shoulders. "Is there anybody here who knows how to operate a jackhammer?" he shouted.

We all looked at one another. The city foreman whispered something into the WPA foreman's ear. The WPA foreman smiled and slyly winked at us.

"Sure, some of you know how to operate a jackhammer, don't you?"

"Will you change the rate to air driller's pay?" inquired Glover.

The WPA foreman looked, askance, towards the superintendent. The superintendent nodded ever so slightly and the foreman, beaming as if he had known it all along, shouted, "Sure! Sixty-five bucks a month, boys. You know how to work one, Glover?"

"No, I don't know enough about it to take the risk. I just asked about the pay."

The foreman looked hard.

"You know how to operate one, don't you, Pedro?" he coaxed, "Ten dollars a month more . . ."

Pedro, father of seven, hesitated, but only for a moment. "Sure," he muttered.

"Alright," cried the foreman, "Three more."

"I'll go," Dan decided. Slade and Goldberg, the little Jewish tailor, followed suit.

"Not you, Goldberg," the foreman said, "You're too light. How about you, Louie?"

"No, siree! I don't need the dough bad enough."

"I'll take a chance," volunteered Big Boy.

We were kept busy loading up the haulaway trucks. On the jackhammer gang the new operators were getting their first taste of the shakes. The air echoed with the hammers' reverberations and minute pieces of concrete flew against their goggles.

"Come on, boys, let's speed her up. We're behind schedule," urged the foreman.

Pedro and Big Boy worked together. They sliced up sheet after sheet of pavement. Pedro's hammer suddenly hit a snag.

"Push down! Push down!" he shouted. But before Big Boy could bear down the gun flew up with the force of an airplane propellor and out shot the moraf like a shell from a cannon.

Some of the men say that Big Boy never even winced; others that he did give a little groan. He was rushed to the first-aid station, near the trench, in the foreman's car.

The first-aid man removed the shoe and wiped away the blood. Two toes were missing, cut from his foot as if by a knife.

Big Boy looked at his foot with a startled expression. But he never took his eyes away. He never said a word; he didn't even sigh. He just sat there quietly and stared.

# WHY UNION FILM WORKERS OF HOLLYWOOD ARE INVITED TO MOSCOW FILM FESTIVAL

By Harold J. Salemson.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—(FP)—To entertain or not to entertain; that was the question which faced the Actors' and Writers' Guilds when the Russian Film Commission visited Hollywood a few months ago. After due deliberation, the guilds decided it would be branding themselves reds to honor the Soviet envoys by a public reception. So they remained aloof while the Motion Picture Academy dined and wined Moscow's film bosses. . . .

Back in the U.S.S.R., the film commission got triple hell from the Soviet film workers for having consorted with the company union while ignoring the real trade unions in Hollywood. The head of Amkino in New York, Verlinsky, was sent out to Hollywood to apologize to the guilds for the Soviet film men's conduct, present personal gifts to various guild members, and extend to all unionized Hollywood film workers an invitation to the next film festival in June in Moscow at 40 per cent reduction in travel and accommodation rates. . . . Hundreds of the people who felt it was too radical to dine with the Soviet Film Commission are accepting the invitations!

MYSTERY MAN

The mystery of Joel Faith, that man who writes such devastating exposes of Hollywood in New Theater Magazine, continues to intrigue the film colony. After having accused every half-way intelligent human in Hollywood of being Joel Faith, it's now gotten to where people are accused not of being Joel Faith, but of "knowing who Joel Faith is." And how they're waiting for Joel to do a piece on Will Hays!

Father Coughlin has got his radio program into Los Angeles at last. But so far it hasn't meant any big improvement for him out here. . . . Even Variety, the theatrical trade paper, is incensed at studios which claim they are giving men work, when asking permits to build new stages. Actually, the more stages at a studio, the less work for set builders. Stage-room means sets can be allowed to stand, and used over in later films.

In 'Crime and Punishment', Peter Lorre murders Mrs. Patrick Campbell with gusto, and with consummate talent. But the first time Mrs. Pat was introduced to Lorre, she remarked: "What a sweet, charming boy." Which means she either did not see his remarkable performance in 'M', or else she's just got a genius for understatement. . . .

SOLIDARITY

By a new agreement, which makes all Equity members join the Screen Actors' Guild, and vice-versa, the unionization of stage and screen actors has taken one more step toward the closed shop. Dues paid to the guild cover Equity dues during stage actors' stay in Hollywood, and money paid to Equity covers guild dues when screen actors work on the New York stage. This united front of stage and screen actors makes the guild a powerful weapon in Hollywood since, should there ever be a strike, it will be impossible to import Equity actors from New York to scab on the screen.

# PWUU Forces WPA To Rehire 2 Workers

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Summarily dismissed because of their organizing work for the Public Works and Unempl. Union, two WPA workers today had won reinstatement through prompt action by a grievance committee from the PWUU County Council.

Th workers were Robert Mannis, foreman on the Griffith Park Project, Spot 1, p. m. shift; and B. Bartlett, on the Arroyo Seco Project.

After winning reinstatement of these workers from Labor Coordinator Heitman, the PWUU is demanding further investigation and hearing in the matter of intimidation and discrimination on the jobs from Col. Donald H. Connolly, WPA administrator.

# Attempt Jim-Crowism On L.A. WPA Project

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—"Jim-Crowism" broke out on the Griffith Park WPA project, Spot 1, p. m. shift, here late yesterday, when Foreman Raines attempted to segregate all Negro workers under one Negro foreman, William Dinard.

However, led by Dinard, a recently signed-up member of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, the Negro workers rebelled and refused to be segregated.

As far as could be learned today, no settlement has been reached on the project, and the problem will probably be raised on the job again tomorrow.

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# Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Oakland, Calif.,
Dec. 13, 1935.

Dear Dr. Bissell:

Would you please comment in your column on the "Alameda County Tuberculosis and Health Association" which sells Christmas seals every year at this time. Is this association doing good work cheaply and efficiently and should all workers able to buy the stamps support it?

J. J. (Constant Reader.)

ANSWER:—The sale of Christmas stamps is on a par with the Salvation Army Santa Clauses that wheedle the change out of workers' pockets at this time of year (if they still believe in Santa Claus.) It is part of the attempt to shift the burden of the care of those workers whose bodies have not been able to withstand the double onslaught of capitalist misery and tubercular germs, onto the backs of workers only a little more fortunate than they.

The proceeds from the sale of the seals are supposedly used for the fight against the "Great White Plague," Tuberculosis. We don't know any specific facts about the above association, but we have no reason to believe that it is any different from most other capitalist charity organizations, which are ridden with graft and favoritism. The very fact that the organization is backed by the leading "best citizens" should make a worker wary of it. These same "best citizens" are the pack of wealthy gentlemen who have not hesitated to use bullets, gas, murder, and frame-ups against workers on strike against the very conditions that lead to tuberculosis.

Sick workers don't need a few crumbs of charity, but clinics, hospitals, and sanitariums, paid for by the bosses.

PELLEGRA

El Centro, Calif.
Dec. 17, 1935.

Dear Doctor:—

Please write something about the cause and treatment of Pellegra. P. B.

ANSWER: It is not certain what the exact cause is. However, it is known that it occurs only among people who are so foolish as to not eat enough fresh meat, eggs, milk, cheese, or butter. When these lazy and foolish people take the trouble to get work for themselves or to inherit some money to buy these necessary foodstuffs, the disease soon leaves them.

Because of these facts, it is believed that the disease is caused by the lack of some vitamin in fresh animal products.

The symptoms are very variable and it is often difficult even for a doctor to diagnose. The ailment generally starts with loss of appetite, indigestion, depression, burning in the hands and feet, and loss of weight. The main stage of the disease consists in a red eruption all over the body.

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## The Blazing Terror Of William Randolph Hearst

Frantic efforts to delude the American public into believing that Communists are foreign agents plotting purposeless destruction are common in the Hearst papers. But on Sunday, December 22, the Hearst press flared throughout the nation, with an explosion of slander against the Communist Party which exceeded anything to date.

Devoid as it was of either truth or logic, it was not without cause.

Its main theme was that the Communists are proposing to seize the government of the United States by force and massacre all opposition.

This raises two questions; who are the Communists and to what could you attribute such an unexpected appetite for murder?

Seven years of depression have awakened not only the working population of America, but of the whole world to the need for a new form of society—one in which human beings will not hunger and go wanting amidst plenty.

Communism and the Communist Party represent an organized movement toward establishing a society on social ownership and social production. Wanton murder and brutality have no place in our program.

But Communism, to William Randolph Hearst and his fellow parasites, means any living human being who voices the merest suggestion that the brutal, insane career of capitalism should be curtailed.

The liberals of Germany learned their bitter lesson in the concentration camps where they suffered side by side with Communists.

Hearst is trying to intimidate liberal elements from joining in united front with the Communists. We say that the situation today is crucial. And either the liberal and progressive elements of America will join hands in united front struggle against war and fascism (against Hearst) or they will experience the united front of fascist concentration camps. Capitalism is mad and belligerent as a cornered bear. And Hearst is their voice.

Not massacre and bloodshed, but peace and a square deal is the program of the Communist Party. Massacre and bloodshed is the currency of capitalism and it is spending it freely today in both Ethiopia and China.

Hearst and every similar hunger maker has reason to tremble today. The masses are awakening to the cause of their misery. The world cannot be made better until Hearst and his breed are made less.

## Waterfront Workers, Fight Against the Breeders of Confusion!

Below under the heading, "Finky Bulletineers . . ." we print a letter signed by a fraudulant "rank and file committee" and sent to an advertiser in the Voice of Federation, and forwarded to us by one of his employees. It represents a flagrant attack, not only on the Voice itself, but on the entire progressive leadership of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific and the honest rank and file bulletins which have played such an important role in building up the strength of the maritime unions.

**There can be no doubt whatsoever that this scurrilous, lying propaganda is inspired by and paid for by the employers' organizations or agents. As usual, these bogus rank and filers raise the red scare, playing the same old game that is always played both by reactionaries and misguided elements who would confuse the struggle by either directly or indirectly attacking all progressive steps as "Red" and "Communist."**

The Voice cannot be killed so easily, however. Nor can they kill or discredit the bulletins that have proved so necessary in the past, and which are doubly necessary in the strenuous days ahead in view of the prospective attack by the employers upon the militant maritime unions.

**Unity is needed, now more than ever. The Voice must be protected and must continue to serve the best interests of the majority of the members of the Maritime Federation. The same is true of the militant rank and file bulletins, which are being attacked by a few misguided individuals because they are published anonymously. Thus they are confused, wilfully or stupidly, with the employer-inspired attacks.**

Waterfront workers know better. Say Waterfront Worker, for example, and you are describing the first and most effective weapon serving the waterfront workers in the long battle against the "shape-up" and for control of the hiring halls; the first rank and file organ to advocate formation of the Maritime Federation; the finest insurance against bureaucracy from the top in any shape or form. That this is true is evident in the fact that sales reach 1500 copies of every issue.

**No maritime worker who has seen the growth of the inspiring solidarity of the industry, and who benefits from the gains made largely under the guidance of rank and file bulletins, will stand for such misguided statements as those attempting to confuse the Waterfront Worker and other real rank and file papers with those whose 'anonymous' spon are so obviously inspired by the employers. In fact, the indignation already expressed ought to be a warning to those who in the name of "unity" are using splitting tactics.**

Fight for unity in maritime ranks. Support the rank and file papers, while vigorously condemning employer tactics. Condemn all actions tending to split our forces. Build the Maritime Federation and its organ the Voice into an even stronger, more solid tower of strength, honest serving the interests of the membership as a whole. Condemn all attacks on the proven methods that have so far led the maritime workers from success to success. Support the Waterfront Worker and other rank and file bulletins. Read the Western Worker regularly.

## Join the Fight Against Nazi Terrorism

The execution of Rudolph Claus is only another symptom of the desperation of the Nazi butchers, who feel that their grip is slipping.

News has slipped through the German censors telling of increasing persecution of Jews, both legally and illegally, through mob actions. For the past two months unemployment has risen to nearly 2,000,000, even according to doctored government figures. Higher prices and lower wages are the rule. Even then the stores are empty of food, the people form queues to get their rationed portions, and food riots occur which the Nazis are unable to hush up.

**Under such circumstances, the Hitler butchers feel the need of resorting to terrorism. And the United States, if it participates in the 1936 Olympic Games at Berlin, will be encouraging such terrorism.**

American people, and American trade unionists in particular, must join in the fight to boycott the Berlin Olympics, and protest the Nazi butcheries. The lead taken by such men as John L. Lewis, David Dubinsky, Heywood Broun, Norman Thomas, Lincoln Steffens, Upton Sinclair and dozens of others protesting the execution of Claus must be followed up by resolutions of the millions of members of trade unions, political, sport, and fraternal organizations; and it must cry halt to the attempt of the Nazi murderers to behead Ernest Thaelmann.

# Party Life

**DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT**

## The Sectarianism of Gossip About Comrades

Nothing can be more exhilarating to members of the Party than the prominence now being given to the war on sectarianism. Few things have been more to the point than Mike Gold's column dealing with this subject.

However, I would like to point out a sectarian disease which does not seem to have improved during the nearly two years I have been in the Party—one which too many comrades are, perhaps, ashamed to speak about for fear of exposing themselves to the charge of being thin-skinned.

With the amount of stress that has been laid on the matter, there are very few comrades by now who do not understand that workers are not browbeaten into the Party, but that they must be approached in the most patient, sympathetic and friendly spirit. We realize, I believe, the giant worth of every individual worker whom we can gather into the Party fold. With all its shortcomings and weaknesses, our Party of only 30 or 35 thousand members in the United States is a mountain of towering strength on the landscape of economic struggles in America.

FLUCTUATION

Our great task of recruiting must take up seriously the problem of fluctuation. And it is in connection with the question of fluctuation that I wish to point to one aspect of sectarianism to which insufficient attention has been paid.

The sectarianism to which I refer revolves around the constant "gossip"—I know no other name for it—which goes on among little knots of Party members concerning the "political development" of this comrade and that. The effect of all this is a prevailing spirit among too many comrades of superior development which leaves the impression that comrades who are not thought to be on the same level of development are not worth talking with.

There is grave danger, therefore, that sectarianism arises from political egotism and that the liberation from this disease on the outside of the Party will only mean the transference of the disease in a more pernicious form to the inside of the Party.

ROOM FOR CRITICISM

There is always room for criticism inside of the Party. But political criticism should be as friendly as our approach to the worker whom we are trying to draw into the Party. For, if we have found that we have had to be friendly to him before he came into the Party, how can we expect anything else but the problem of fluctuation on our hands if we imagine that we can abandon our attitude of friendliness once the worker is within our ranks? It may be a job at times to draw a worker into the Party, in which case it is certainly going to be a more difficult job to keep him inside the Party.

I started out by saying that Party members are too timid about bringing forward their attitude on this subject of friendliness inside the Party. I believe this is so because I have found that I have been repressing myself innumerable times from saying anything on this subject.

Now that I have ventured to put down on paper how I feel on this subject, I wish to lay all the emphasis on it that I can. I regard this as the very most serious problem that I have noticed in connection with the problem of fluctuation. I hope that those who feel as I do in the matter will not hesitate to let their feelings be known, in order that the subject may once for all be taken out of the realm of vague surmise and brought down to the earth of serious investigation.

I. B., N.Y.

# OPEN FORUM

ELSIE ROBINSON'S BRAND OF "SOCIALISM"

Los Angeles.

Editor, Western Worker:

Elsie Robinson takes to task those relief clients who balk at leaving the relief rolls "to stand in water and blood and filth all day, in a sickening stench," for a measly pittance.

"How about those others," she rebukes, "those men who built this country. They, too, stood in blood and filth—for nothing at all per day—for a vision only, of freedom and equality."

Was it the freedom and equality of succeeding generations to continue to stand in blood and filth?

She concludes, in self-defense, "I was raised a Socialist and taught to share every dollar. I lived what I was taught and try still to live it."

One need not be a thorough Marxian student to pick flaws in her definition and understanding of Socialism. Even a brief dictionary inspection will show that "Socialism is the economic doctrine that there should be public ownership and operation of the principal means of production and distribution of wealth."

How can one individual live, all by her own self, the principles of public ownership and operation of the basic means of production? Socialism is not an individual but a collective movement.

It is amazing how many people, not generally classed as morons, would determine the sincerity of Communists by asking "whether they would be willing to share their wealth," if they came into a fortune.

Such total misconception of the aims and principles of communism is due to the perversive propaganda of Hearst hirelings, and it needs to be constantly reiterated that no amount of sharing the wealth, by individuals, will bring about a Socialist Society.

Comradely,

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# COMMUNIST POSITION ON FIGHT AGAINST WAR

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## *ONLY A UNITED FRONT CAN HALT NEW CONFLICT*

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# A. F. OF L. SHOULD HALT SHIPMENTS TO ITALY

The working class of the world, rallying behind it the support of the farmers, and all toiling masses, is the only class that can stop war and can prevent war from spreading. It is the only force that by its independent struggle against imperialist governments can utilize the League of Nations as a partial and temporary instrument for peace through the application of sanctions on Italy. The slow and weak steps taken by the League of Nations in declaring Italy an aggressor, and in setting sanctions, prevents the League of Nations from executing full powers to bring a speedy conclusion of the war. Yet these actions, slow and weak as they were, were useful steps in the fight against fascist war-mongers—these actions were brought about under pressure from the masses, and helped mobilize the masses for peace. But nothing would be more dangerous than to rely on the powers in the League to determinedly carry out these sanctions, and thus give a deadly blow to Mussolini. No one can be sure that the secret negotiations going on behind the scenes, between Great Britain, France and Hitler, may not at any moment be consummated and thus encourage not only Mussolini, but Hitler and Japan to plunge the whole world into war. The conclusions from this cannot be to withhold the struggle for League sanctions; but must be a more determined struggle of the masses for sanctions, making more difficult their abandonment by the imperialists, and above all, to carry out independently, by the working class the imposition of sanctions, through the stoppage of all shipments to Italy by the working class sanctions and a working class blockade.

### Crucial Test

**It is this independent action by the toiling masses on the basis of united front to isolate the fascist war makers that will be the crucial test of true proletarian peace policy. To compel League sanctions by mass struggle is important, but it is a subordinate and secondary thing. But this is not the understanding of the leaders of the British Labor Party and of "our own" reactionaries, the old guard of the S. P. These people are waging war against the chief requirement of the proletarian peace policy—the united front.**

Is it not fully clear that without a united front there can be no proletarian peace policy and no effective struggle for peace? Moreover these same people rejected the united front in favor of collaboration with their own imperialist bourgeoisie with the results that their so-called struggle for peace turns out to be in fact a "struggle" in support of the imperialist interests of the British government, of the American imperialists, and so on. It is a policy that offers no effective opposition to war and makes the workers the tail-end of imperialism.

### A. F. L. and Peace

Nor can we be satisfied with the decisions of the 55th Convention of the American Federation of Labor. There was a unanimous desire for peace at this convention. Even Woll and Hutcheson were for peace. What else could they do? The working class is for peace and against the fascist war makers. This is a fact of the utmost importance. The question is how shall the American masses fight most effectively for peace? The answer given by the 55th Convention of the A. F. of L. was not satisfactory. The convention gave support to the neutrality policy of the Roosevelt government and endorsed support of the British government by the British trade unions. They endorsed also the Labor and Socialist International's policy of supporting the League of Nations. **What is the essence of the position of the 55th Convention? They told Roosevelt, go ahead with your policies and we will support you.** But is it not clear that Roosevelt has no consistent policy of peace? This is shown in his stoppage of arms shipments and yet cotton, etc., raw materials are shipped for war. It does not enable Ethiopia to secure anything necessary for carrying on a defense against aggressions of Mussolini. It has not brought about collaboration for peace between the United States and for the Soviet Union which would immeasurably strengthen the struggle for peace. It is, therefore, clear that, while we must utilize Roosevelt's peace moves in order to isolate the Hearst-Liberty League war mongers and to compel the American government to adopt more effective measures to strengthen the fight for peace, yet it will be a fatal mistake to depend upon Roosevelt and, depending on Roosevelt, to reject the slogan of **"Not a ship, not a train to Italian fascism,"** to be enforced by the masses themselves, and thus make the working class the tail-end of American Imperialism.

### Practical Tasks

The most important thing the A. F. of L. can do to fight for peace is organize and lead the working class to stop all shipments to and from Italy. That the workers will follow such a lead is indicated by the actions of the A. F. of L. unions on the Pacific Coast who carried out such a policy.

What practical tasks follow from this examination of the war dangers? We would summarize the practical tasks of the day in six points:

**1. To secure the adoption of resolutions condemning the fascist war makers and declaring support of their victims, in all trade unions and all other organizations of workers, farmers, and middle classes in churches, schools, clubs, etc. This is the first, most simple, most immediate and universally applicable line of struggle for peace.**

2. To organize mass meetings, demonstrations, parades of all kinds, small and large. To popularize and dramatize this anti-war program and bring it sharply to the attention of the masses, not yet aware of the issues.

3. To place emphatically before the President and Congress, by means of these actions, **the demand for enforcement of complete embargo of trade and loans for Italy.**

4. To do everything possible to bring together all the peace forces in every locality, and in the nation, into a great concentration for peace, into a great National Congress for peace and against war and fascism. For this purpose we **must mobilize much more support everywhere for the coming Third U. S. Congress Against War and Fascism called for Cleveland on January 3, 4, and 5.** This great anti-war congress which already represents the largest united front ever built in America, is of the most strategic importance at the present time. No one can be said to be doing his duty in the fight against war unless he is actively participating in building up a great, broad represntation to the Third U. S. Congress Against War and Fascism.

5. To begin independent action of the workers to stop all shipments to Italy. This can be begun in a small way and can be developed by a series of small active decisive actions which will influence the whole world. Those who doubt the efficacy of small actions should remember the historical case of the tearing down of the Nazi flag from the steamship Bremen, that shook the whole world and is still the subject of conversation among all the masses in Germany and in Europe.

**6. To secure united action between Socialists and Communists in the United States and to call** upon the Second International **to accept the proposals of the Communist International for world-wide united action against war.**

# THE FINKY BULLETINEERS ARE AT IT AGAIN; ATTACK RANK AND FILE WORKER PRESS

**The ghost mimeographers have launched an attack against the workers press in their campaign of rank and file slander. Following is a copy of a letter sent to all advertisers in the Voice of the Federation.**

San Francisco, Calif.
December 12, 1935.

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# World Events

**By Emmett Kirby**

## Britain Seeks to Line Up Nations on Mediterranean

The infamous Hoare-Laval peace plan is dead. In its wake lies ex-Foreign Secretary Hoare, whom the Baldwin government had to toss out as the goat to save its own life, against the wrath of the people of Britain incensed at the sellout plan, while Laval, on the constant verge of resigning under the pressure of widespread protest, only saved himself temporarily by a maneuver of postponing the direct issue until after Xmas.

"ARE YOU READY?"

Britain's next step was obvious—the sending of a statement to each of the main Mediterranean powers to find out if they were prepared to back up League sanctions if it were necessary to resort to arms. This sort of thing is Rule Number One in the book of British foreign policy—never fight alone if it is possible to get a lot of allies to bear the brunt. And so, though the plan of the past few weeks was to sacrifice the League to save Italian fascism, now the League is being sought as the weapon to save the British "life-line of Empire"—the Mediterranean and its routes of commerce from the Orient and Africa.

France, Turkey, Greece and Jugo-Slavia of the Mediterranean powers have already given their assurance of armed support if an oil embargo against Mussolini results in his attacking the British navy, it was reported Saturday. Spain, Egypt and other nations have not yet replied one way or the other, at this writing.

HITLER SAYS "NO"

No official report has come from the move to line up Hitler in a British-Italian-French-Nazi front. In fact, no public word that these meetings were held was given out. But they were held—in Berlin, a series of them in the past two weeks while the Hoare-Laval plan was hot, between British and French ambassadors and Hitler.

It is reported from a generally unimpeachable source (good in regard to events, not analysis of events) that he "was offered colonies, a loan, almost anything if he would sign a non-aggression pact, agree to side with them against Italy"—to force Mussolini to accept the peace plan and line up these four wowers as allies in Europe. He refused, declaring "Central and Eastern Europe are my field." In this field, in all save his plan to attack the USSR to try to seize the Ukraine, he treads on French and British toes.

PEASANTS WON'T FIGHT

**Equally important with the failure to come to terms with this rival in imperialism is the report that Laval told Downing Street that while France would support Britain in her press, etc. she could not mobilize in case of war. He declared that the peasantry would refuse to answer the call, and that the Conscript Maritime (French naval reserves), who would be first to be called, would refuse to answer the call, and that their refusal would fire the whole country, which is against imperialist war, to follow their example.**

Caught in these main forces, Britain had to backtrack and not attempt to defend the plan when the League Council discussed it. Repudiation was immediate.

The next two steps, which may rapidly develop in the next few days are the move to have Italy declared an aggressor under the terms of the Kellogg-Briand pact, to try to get U. S. aid, as signor of that pact to the oil embargo against Italy. The Paris paper, L'Information, says on this subject that every day namy ships sail from Corpus Christi, Texas with oil for Italy, and that a gangster fleet is made ready for use, if necessary to replace regular ships, to deliver the 4000 barrels a day that the Standard Oil-Mussolini deal calls for in 1936.

USSR-RUMANIA PACT?

More important is the reported possibility of a non-aggression and mutual assistance pact between the Soviet Union and Rumania. The USSR, first of the League members to put the sanctions into operation, will, if such a pact is culminated, be able to bring pressure to halt the flow of oil from the Rumanian fields to Mussolini. And those Rumanian fields are the key spot in the oil embargo war—if the embargo is finally voted. Right now, it still remains only a club and a pawn.

## Red Tape Controlled At L.A. WPA Bureau

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—On the WPA job at 109th and Hooper streets, two workers under the $65 classification are driving cars with out-of-state license plates. One is Overton, who drives a car with Nevada license plates and a California visitors' sticker on his windshield, and the other is Russell, who has Oregon license plates on his car.